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THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

GEN. J. F. SMITH TO BE GOV-GENERAL OF PHILIPPINES

CIVIC REFORM IN THE OHIO STATE

Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford Speaks In Boston-Writer Receives Proceedings Of Ohio Colored Women's Club Negro Soldiers Are Wanted.

(Staff Correspondence.)

The colored people all over the country are pleased to learn that it is definitely decided that the new Governor-General of the Philippines is is to be Gen. James F. Smith, who will assume the reins of office in June, succeeding Mr. Henry C. Ide, a member of the commission who is filling the position temporarily. Gen. Smith's work on the Philippine Commission has demonstrated his fitness for the larger duties soon to devolve upon him, and his habitat in "the glorious climate of California" is reassuring to those who watched with dismay the unfortunate career of Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, as Governor-General of the archipelago. Wright was a rank failure as administrator of the affairs of the United States there, as all Southern men are bound to be who place their silly race prejudices and the flummeries of social intercourse above the fundamental principles of our republic and who disregard our constitutional obligations in order to uphold the peculiar traditions of the section from which he hails. If Governor-General Smith sustains the broad Americanism that characterized the tenure of Governor Taft, and lives up to the Rooseveltian guarantee of a square deal for all—as we have reason to believe he will—there is a bright future for the Filipinos under our flag. "Benevolent assimilation" can thrive only upon justice and humanity, and we can not expect our fellow-citizens of the next generation to accept a civilization that means anything less. Wright was not removed any too soon, for Tennessee methods did not impress the Filipinos as any improvement over the autocratic and tyrannical domination of Spain. President Roosevelt displays a remarkable degree of generosity in overlooking Wright's miserable failure in the Philippines in sending him to Japan as our first Ambassador. It remains to be seen whether he can endure "social equality" with the little yellow men of the Mikodo's realm with any more satisfaction than with the little brown men in and about the court of Manila.

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Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford has made an excellent impression in Boston and and the East as a platform speaker. As an orator or thinker, Cleveland's favorite representative, has few equals among her sex on the continent, and her friends and neighbors are justly proud of her success wherever she goes. Yielding to the urgentdemands of numerous organizations of women in the South, she will extend her lecture tour through a large portion of that section, where a warm welcome awaits her. Mrs. Clifford speaks with a force and earnestness that carries conviction with it. What she says invariably strikes home. Her plea is for race unity, and a series of such preachments by so effective a pleader as Mrs. Clifford, is bound to be fruitful of good results to our people everywhere. Her prophetic warning to the South that "Whatsoever ye sow, that shall ye also reap" uttered with dramatic intensity at the New York meeting of the National Negro Business League—still rings solemnly in the ears of all who heard her magnificent speech on that occasion. She sees far ahead, and is eminently correct in declaring that "Those who sow lynchings, jim crow cars, wholsale disfranchisement, denial of civic rights and debauchery of helpless women, are certain to reap the whirlwind of anarchy, mobocracy and social annihilation. Mrs. Clifford is going to a field where missionary effort is more sadly needed than in China or Timbuctoo, and she can tell the bourbons of the South some salient things they ought to know. I am sure she has the moral courage to tell them the God's truth, plainly and fully, and yet with the tact and diplomatic grace that will arrest the attention of the best elements, and accomplish the desired purpose, without giving the slightest offense. Mrs. Clifford's tour is a part of the intelligently directed agitation that the Negroes of the country are finding necessary to awaken the race to a sense of its danger, and to point out to the American people how far they are straying fromt he ideals that have set this republic upon a hill as the exponent of liberty, equality and fraternity.

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The leaven of political independence is working among the thinking members of the Negro people, as it has been doing for lo these many years among the better classes of the whites. We are not denouncing any party or group of partisans as such, but we are following the example so significantly set by such eminent authorities on civic reform as President Roosevelt, Secretaries Root and Taft, and reserving the right to break away from old moorings when those moorings cease to stand for that which seems best for the whole people. We are cultivating a healthful independence of bosses and machines that bids fair to make us citizens rather than subjects. and by such a sturdy course, it is only a question of time when the critics who are charging we are but tools and puppets, and therefore incapable of properly exercising the right of suffrage, will be totally disarmed. Secretary Taft, speaking for President Roosevelt and himself, has just sent a letter to the Roosevelt Republican Club of Cincinnati, accepting honorary membership therein, uses some virile language, which we are taking greatly to heart. The club is a protest against the unwholsome leadership of George B. Cox, and if we are wise, we will be guided by the tenets he so emphatically espouses. Says Mr. Taft, in part:

"The members of such a Club as the Roosevelt Club, although an orthodox Republican organization, may very well decline to support the candidates of its own party, if such candidates are plainly lacking in the qualifications, according to the standards which they may properly set for the selection of public officers. Still, it is well to use a wise discretion in bolting. The important question will always be, in what way you can secure and exercise the greatest influence for good.

Translated to suit the purposes of our people, the most orthodox republicans among us may feel perfectly justified in "scratching" any nominee of the party who fails to properly respect our rights as citizens, whose record is not satisfactory on the problems that affect our well-being as a race, and who is in sympathy with those who would deny us the recognition that our party service and numbers entitle us to claim. We interpret Secretary Taft's letter and his attitude during the late campaign in Ohio to mean that no Negro can be expected to support a candidate who draws the color line in politics, and who is lacking in the patriotic elements that should characterize every public official. Let every black voter apply his standard, as Mr. Taft applies his own, in casting his ballot, and we shall find that we shall rise in the estimation of all parties and that their managers will treat with us as they treat with the Irish, the Germans or the labor vote, if they hope to win our support. Politics involves principles, but it also involves practical business sense. We may safely adopt the methods by which President Roosevelt and his trusted lieutenants purpose to promote the cause of civic righteousness.

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I wish to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the proceedings of the annual convention of the Ohio Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, which held a highly profitable session last July at Dayton, O. The minutes are gotten up in attractive style. Both the typographical finish and in the comprehensive preparation of its literory features, the report reflects great credit upon the publishing committee, made up of Miss Hallie Quinn Brown, Miss Selena C. Gaines and Mrs. Ella V. Clark. The helpful work of Ohio's public-spirited women, graphically described in the forty pages of the pamphlet, is having its effect all over the Buckeye State, and ought to be an inspiration to those who have not as yet identified themselves with one or more of the Improvement Clubs scattered broadcast from the lake to the river. These women are not dreamers nor idle gossipers—they are not pursuing phantoms or worshipping at the shrine of the impossible. They are earnest, constructive workers—they are "overcomers," heart culturists and beacon lights—every one of them, and deserve all the praise which a grateful community can bestow upon them. The men should hold up their hands by substantial co-operation and constant encouragement, for they are building up a civilization which we are to enjoy in common. Miss Hallie Quinn Brown, the distinguished elocutionist and missionary force, is the active president of the State Federation, and Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford, to whose splendid labors I have already referred, is honorary president and editor of the Federation organ, "Queen's Gardens." Mrs. Sarah G. Jones, who contributes an instructive paper to the pamphlet on "Literature," is chairman of the executive board. The other officers are well-selected, and include some of Ohio's most influential and useful social factors. The Ohio Federation's motto is "Deeds, Not Words," and operates in harmony with the National Association of Coloreded Women.

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It is understood that, in acordance with the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, the appropriation for the maintenance of the office of United States Stamp Agent was omitted from the Post-Office Appropriation Bill, and at the end of th epresent fiscal year, June 30, the place will stand abolished. This means the retirement of the Hon. John P. Green, of Ohio, who has held the position for eight years, giving satisfactory service. The office has been a sinecure since the government has been printing its own stamps, and passes out of existence because it is no longer regarded as necessary. In recognition of Mr. Green's valued political services, Senator Dick is endeavoring to have the gentleman transferred to some other suitable berth in the Executive Departments. Should the effort fail, the friends of Mr. Green state that he will return to his home in Cleveland and resume the practice of law in partnership with his sons, William R. and T. Bliss Green, both of whom are doing well at the bar.

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Another congress for the suppression of the divorce evil has met in national session, passed resolutions and adjourned—and the divorce mill grinds along as merrily as ever. The conviction is growing that difficult divorse, by which some of the reformers set such store, offers little relief from the perils that beset the marital relation. Until philosophers and sages can devise a training that will strengthen the individual character, ripen the judgment, restrain the unholy passions and instil a keener sense of the moral obligations entailed by matrimony, there is not likely to be any appreciable diminution in the output of the divorce court. If the local courts will not grant legal separations, unhappy couples will seek a jurisdiction where freedom can be had, or do worse. The theory that "single blessedness is better than "double cussedness" still has its advocates, and few of us would insist that men and women remain together, in open revolt, or under a shallow pretense of harmony, when cruelty, incompatibility and the thousand and one things which make for marital infelicity have to be endured day by day. The only way to cure a disease permanently is to remove the cause. But how? Aye, there's the rub! The prevention of helter-skelter marriages might help some. A campaign of education on the part of the mothers of both sexes might help more. The summary execution of gossippers and scandalmongers might ease the situation a trifle—but the efficacy of congresses of much talk and many papers is to be doubted. From time immemorial, love has laughed at locksmiths, defied the dictum of parents, evaded restrictive canons, ignored traditions, shocked the sensational and astounded the sedate. In short,

> "Love has never known a law
> Beyond its own sweet will,"

and the reflex action—divorce—is equally arbitrary in its sway.

Tuskegee Institute is "in good" this month. By the will of the late Edwin Elbert, of Georgetown, Conn., $10,000 are bequeathed to the trustees of the school, and the William H. Baldwin, Jr., Memorial Fund, amounting to about $152,000, is ready to be turned over to the endowment fund of the institute. The coming anniversary will be the occasion of some liberal giving on the part of students, faculty, graduates and friends. There is no doubt that the $3,00,000 mark will eventually be reached.
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A white stenographer of Indianapolis complains that many of the Negro elevator conductors are unduly familiar with the young white women employed in the office-buildings of the city, and advises her sisters to refrain from speaking to the Negro employes with whom they come into contact in the course of a day, if they would avoid insult, etc. The paleface stenographer is needlessly alarmed. Let it be said right here that the most brazen rouge, be he white or black, is almost without exception, a keen observer, and invariably knows a genuine lady the moment he sees one—and a real lady, of modest appearance and dignified demeanor can speak to whomsoever she chooses and as often as she likes, without the slightest danger of being improperly approached. Such are immune from insult, whether they drive their carriage or operate a type-writer in an office. Would-be "mashers" can usually detect the "mashable," and they seldom run into a sure-enough "bluff," if they are "onto their job." There is something suspicious-looking about women who are always getting "insulted."

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Some one has asked by what warrant your correspondent wears the title of "Colonel," by which designation he has become known in some quarters through the courtesy of cer-

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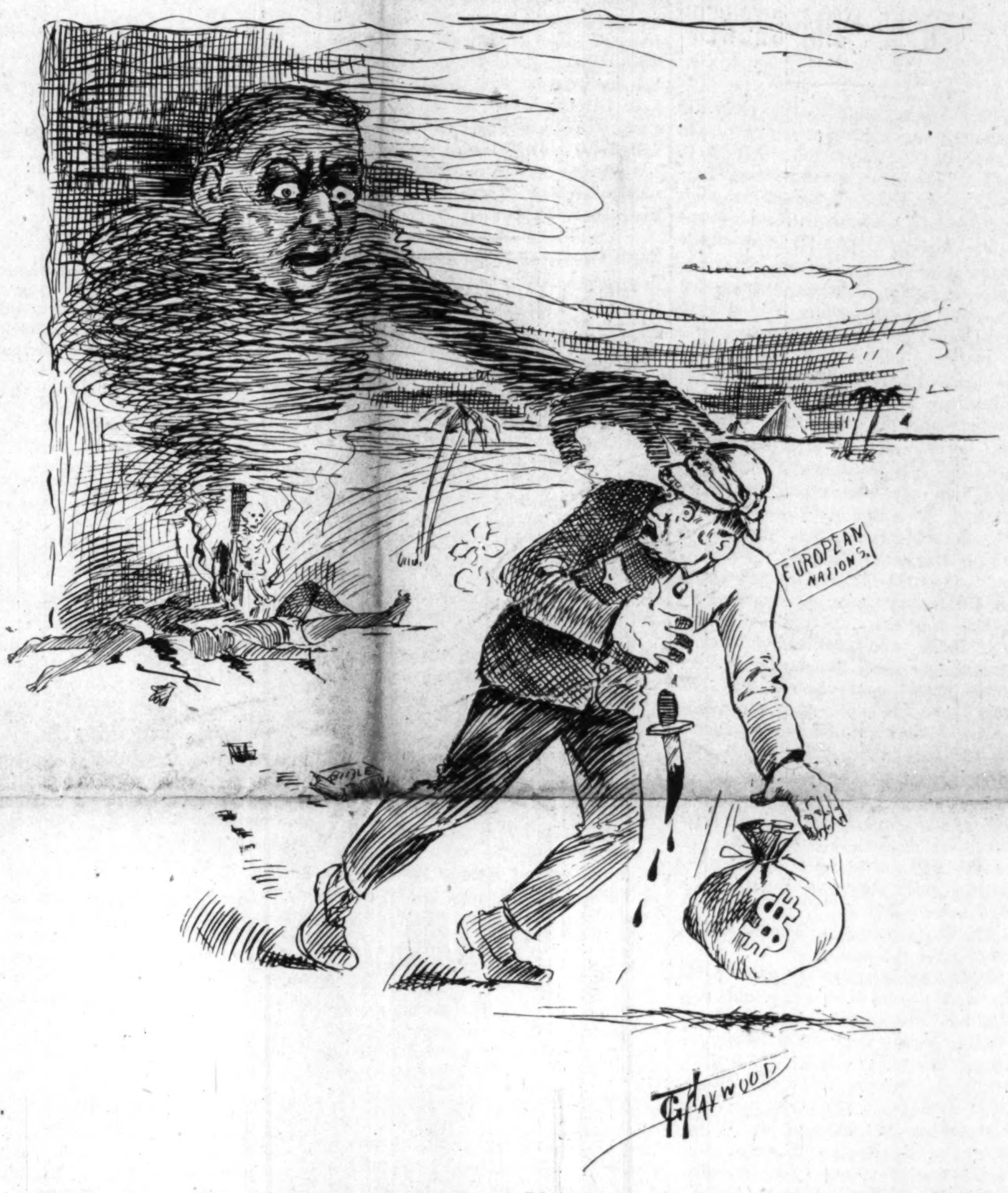
THE BLACK PERIL.



The Outrageous Crimes Committed Upon Them by the European Nations Have Aroused the Ethiopians to the Sense of Their Duty.

CHARGES YET UNANSWERED

DR. GRAHAM REVIEWS THE CHURCH CONTROVERSY

SOME FEW ENDORSEMENTS GIVEN

A Failure To Answer The Three Principal Charges—Scores Of Letters Endorse His Position—Withold Names For Fear Of Disfavor.

I have been waiting to see if some one would try to answer the charges which I have made against the general management of the A. M. E. Church. But few have had had the temerity to attempt any reply, much less denial of the charges. It is well for the public to be reminded of the charges which I have made, that they may judge wisely whether any reasonable answer is given by any one.

There are three principal charges;

1. That drunkenness, imoralitty and dishonesty are freely indulged in by our ministers, and the bishops condone such things by appointing persons whom they know to be guilty, to good charges; and that often when a minister's conduct has become so public as to make him no longer acceptable where he is known, the bishop will transfer hi mto other fields where he continues in good standing.

2. That many of the bishops use the dollar money of the conference which should go to the widows, orphans and worn-out preachers according to law, for their own residences and traveling expenses, notwithstanding the fact that the financial secretary pays them out of the general funds five hundred dollars a year to meet these same expenses.

3. That the Fnancial Board, which controls the general fund, has grossly misappropriated the same, and willfully violated the law to the great suffering of the departments of the church and the widows, orphans and worn-out preachers, who by law, are pensioners on this same fund.

I have given abundant specifications to justify these charges and what answer is given?

Bishop Smith takes issue with me and defends Louisiana. Well, it is not a strange thing for he and I to disagree. It has always been a hard thing for us to agree at every point, and I suppose we never will. But suffice it to say, that the most serious trouble which occurred in Louisiana during his charge of that State, was brought about by his removing of a drunken preacher from one of the best churches in the State, after failing by personal appeals to the man to reform his conduct. I make no reflection upon Louisiana in stating this well known fact. The large mapority of Louisiana preachers are all right and they stood by his action like men.

Then the brethren from Missouri rush to the defense of their bishop and try to explain why the minutes of their conference on page 52, state that they appropriated to Episcopal residence $140.00. They state that the money did not go to the bishop, but to pay for a house for the bishop to live in. They forgot to state further that the $25.00 appropriated to Bishop Turner's traveling expenses, was not received by the bishop, but was paid directly to the ticket agent who furnished the bishop with a ictket. It might have helped greatly to have given the public these explanations of how the law is violated to the suffering of the widows, orphans, and worn-out preachers, for the convenience of the bishops, and yet the bishops remain innocent. But I sympathize with those brethren. They must keep in favor with the bishop, or woe unto them and their families. That is the very reason why this corruption flourishes so, moral cowardice, in every rank.

Now remember, I do not accuse every bishop of condoning these wrongs, much less do I charge all the preachers of wrong doing.

Several of the bishops, so far as I know, are above charges, though I regret to have to admit that some of whom I though all right when I began to write, I find by the minutes of their conference, are the biggest grafters. The revelations make the heart sick and the head feint.

I still believe, however, that the mapority of the ministers are honest men of God, fighting against awful odds, where they see little reward for virtue, only in the Divine approval.

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RAM'S HORN BROWN'S PHILOSOPHY

It takes grit as well as grace to make a good Christian.

A doubt is the heaviest burden anybody ever tried to carry.

Experience is a dear teacher, but her diplomas mean something.

With all of his wisdom Solomon made a big mistake now and then.

There is no getting to any kind of heaven on downy beds of ease.

Confidence in God always gives hope a rock upon which to plant her feet.

Gold in character is as certain to be sought and found as gold in the ground.

Bad health is nature's way of standing us up in a corner for doing wrong.

The man with an idea has done more for the world than the man with a gun.

The man who knows that he is doing his best is being made better by doing it

One man sees less poetry in the mountains than another can find in his own backyard

The right kind of man doesn't have to fall into the fire more than once to find out that it is hot.

When we have learned how to live one day well, we have learned how to make life worth living.

The stars are always fighting for the man who is trying with all his might to do some good thing well.

One reason why the people sometimes look bored in church is because the preacher didn't bore deep enough before he went into the pulpit.

SHORT FLIGHTS.

IF I WERE YOU.

If I were you could I improve
On all the things you do?
Would I complete the irksome tasks
You leave before you're throgh?
Would I find words to express the thoughts
That you cannot express?
Would I redress the grievances
That you pass unredressed?
Would I omit the many acts
Of wrong I've seen you do?
And would I do the things you dream,
If Fate had made me you?
If I were you could I become
The man you ought to be?
And would I knock as much on you
As you have knocked on me?

—Indianapolis Star.

The Lenten season is on.

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Temperance is a commercial asset.

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The work-house is a sure cure for the loafing habit.

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There are some things worse than a vain woman—but not many.

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"Reciprocity" is a gospel that should be preached from every pulpit. It spells "equity" both ways.

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Neither Nelson or Britt can lay just claim to the light-weight championship until they beat Gans. "That's the word with the bark on it."

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The Caucasian pugilists are painfully backward about knocking the chip off the shoulders of the colored brethren, despite flattering odds and all kinds of dares the latter are putting. We expect Joe Gans to offer to whip Jimmy Britt with his (Gans') hands tied behind his back.

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A Virginia woman, who came to Washington to take a clerkship in one of the departments, wanted to subscribe for a good Sunday paper. She was quite favorably disposed toward the Washington Post until she heard that it carried a "colored" supplement.

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*Sarah Bernhart was in our town not long ago. Several of our society folks were unable to witness any of her performances. Yet ths seemingly wide gap between the usual 10, 20 and 30 and 1.00, 2.00 and 3.00 special scale charged by her was only a matter of ciphers.

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Emotionalism in religion is good enough as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. Too often it is a stimulant, the effect of which dies out as soon as the personality of the preacher is removed. Ministerial effort which convinces the reason is apt to be more lasting than spasmodic evangelism that appeals only to the feelings.

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Dr. Kober, an eminent scientist, says that the habit of drinking alcoholic beverages is a potent cause of disease among the masses, but was kind enough to declare that ailments from this cause was not a prevalent among the colored as among the white people. It may be added, too, that what the Negro buys for alcohol is not always the real thing—and that may help some.

R. W. THOMPSON.

HE GAVE HIM A LIFT.

The tramp sat on a back yard fence,
On a farm that showed great thrift;
And he said, in accents intensely intense,
Would that some one would give me a lift.

"To give me a lift in life," did he mutter,
"Of some money to make me a gift;
To give me some bread and give me some butter,
Would that some one would give me a lift."

But man was unkind and woman too utter
A frisky young young goat did drift;
He gave that old tramp some species of butter,
And he, also, gave him a lift.

—J. H. Gray.

BAPTISTS IN LOUISVILLE TO BE "JIM CROWED"

The Baptists of Louisville, as well as those throughout the world, are irritated over the compromise of Dr. E. C. Morris, president of the National Baptist Convention, in consenting to have only thirty-five or forty delegates to the white National Baptist Convention which convenes here in May. It is further reported that Dr Morris suggested that the Afro-Americans be restricted to certain sections of the church.

The Daily Herald, in quoting Rev. L. G. Jordan says: "Quite a few are criticising Rev. Morris for having suggested the compromise, and question his right to make any such proposition. However, it is probable that our delegation will not succeed the number prescribed, since it is not the disposition of our leaders to thrust themselves where they are not wanted. When we were admitted into the National Convention, a few years ago, we were admitted as brothers and not as inferiors. The Indian and Chinaman will not be limited as regards the number of delegates to the convention in May, and will take their place with white delegates. I see no reason why we should be delegated against. The Baptists are anxious enough to count us when they are taking the census, because we swell the number to enormous proportions We have more than one-third in our ranks, and yet in the convention we will be given very, very small proportional representation."

The above interview is being largely endorsed in this section.

The Afro-American branch of the Carnegie library is becoming more popular and is being visited by many of the reading public. Mr. C. B. Lewis presented the libration, Mr. T. B. Blue, last week, a life size photo of Dr. Booker T. Washington. As a result there now hangs upon the walls of the library photos of Dr Booker T. Washington, T. Thomas Fortune, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Prof. John Langston, ex-Gov P. B. S. Pinchback and Charles W Chesnutt. It is expected soon that other friends will present some of the race's great characters. "T. Thomas Fortune, the poet," by Roscoe Simmons, in the April number of "The Colored American Magazine," is being constantly called for at the library.

Bishop Evans Tyree of the Tenth Episcopal District A. M. E. connection was in the city recently and spoke to a large congregation at Quinn Chapel.

"Roller skating" seems to be the fad among white and colored. The Afro-Americans here have caught the spirit, and a white man runs one and an Afro-American another.

Miss Nannie H Burroughs, the well-known platform orator and prolific writer, is quite ill at Pewee Valley, Ky

The younger men of the city are trying to infuse some life into the local Business Men's League. Five young men and twelve young women are being employed at the Foreign Mission rooms in its various departments.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

BIG MEETING HELD.—DR. HARTZELL AND OTHERS PRESENT.

New Orleans, Special.—The missionary convention which met here Tuesday March 6, was one of the largest and most successful missionary conventions ever held among colored citizens. The convention was called to order by Rev Griffin G. Logan, D. D., of Holly Springs, Miss., field secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, An effort is being put forth by these people to awaken a missionary interest among the colored people in the United States and in Africa, China, Japan, and other places.

Bishop J. C. Hartzell, D D., LL. D who has spent ten years in Africa, presided and delivered two able addresse Dr. Logan also gave an address The sessions were held in Wesley Chapel, where the Mississippi Mission conference was organized in 1865, The anniversary of the conference was celebrated, and the progress made by the members of the church in the past forty years was clearly demonstrated It was stated that when Bishop Thompson organized the conference in 1865 the question "Who shall we have for secretary?" met with the response, "Bishop you will have to get one of them white ministers to act for none of us can write."

Now some of the most learned ministers in the Methodist Episcopal church are Negroes, and one of them is serving as secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society in the United States, and Bishop I. B. Scott, who is now en route home. was at the last General Conference elected bishop for Africa. Many important positions are now held in the church by representatives of the race

Among those who spoke were Revs. E. W. S. Hammond, dean of Braden School of Theology, Nashville, Tenn.; E. M Taylor, D D, Boston, Mass., Field Secretary of Missionary Society; J. M. Shumbert, D D, Jackson Miss, R. S. Lovinggood. president Samuel Houston College, Austin, Tex., Robert E. Jones, Editor of Southwestern Christian Advocate, New Orleans: T. J Johnson, New Orleans, La. Misses Eliza Champ, of Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, and Estella Brazley, New Orleans were the soloists. The music was directed by Prof. A. H. Colwell, A· of New Orleans.

It was resolved to hold another convention in 1907. Time and place will be arranged later.

The Little Skaters

[Original.]

One Saturday afternoon two little boys concluded that they would go down to the river, which was frozen near the shores, to skate. They were Tommy and Willie Bickford, aged respectively eight and six years. Taking their skates—Willie had but one—they sallied forth, and, reaching the ice, Tommy put on his two skates, Willie put on his one, and they proceeded to have a good time. And they had a good time. The nipping air was full of ozone, and there was about an acre of ice that was as smooth as glass. Tommy could skate pretty well if he skated straight ahead, but he insisted on cutting "flubdubs," as he called them—Tommy's flubdubs were a figure eight and the Dutch roll—and he was continually sitting down and pointing his toes to the sky. As for his little brother, having only one skate and not knowing how to skate anyway, he bore the weight of his little body on the foot without the skate and hopped along, occasionally lifting the sole of his shoe from the ice and gliding half a dozen yards on his one skate.

The boys were so happy that they took no note of time. Just before sunset Tommy noticed a large cake of floating ice lodge just above them.

"Willie," he said, "you stay here. I'm going to have a skate on that big cake." And he started off, skating at his best speed. But Willie, ignoring his instructions, hopped along after him on his one skate, and after Tommy had skated to the farther side of the newly arrived cake he turned and saw his little brother just coming on to it. A few minutes later, looking toward the shore, he noticed that the ice was moving.

Tommy was not very old, but he knew enough to understand the danger. He made his skates fly toward his brother, motioning him to go back, but it was too late. The cake parted from the firm ice, and before Tommy reached his brother there was an impassable gap of water between the two edges.

The boys were afloat on an ice cake on a broad river, darkness coming on and the cold increasing every minute. There were but few boats passing, and they met none of these till it was too dark for them to be discovered. Willie, becoming cold, began to cry, but Tommy, feeling the responsibility of having his little brother to care for, kept a sturdy heart and, going to the edge of the ice, endeavored to attract attention. When he found that his efforts were useless he went back to Willie and, folding him in his arms, tried to keep him warm.

The moon came up slightly pass the full and lighted up the bay into which the river broadened. An incoming steamer was making its way inward when the officer on the bridge called for his night glass. "Holt, I see a dark spot on that ice cake," he said to the man who handed him the glass, and, leveling it, he brought it to bear on the center of the cake. Then, lowering it, with horror on his face, he added: "Great heavens! There are two children on that cake of ice." Holt seized the glass, put it to his eye for a moment, then dashed away, shouting, "Lower the cutter!"

"Here, you, Simcox," he cried, when the boat was lowered, "take the tiller!"

Simcox took the tiller as ordered, and Holt, a fine looking, muscular man, seized the stroke oar. The crew pulled away, but they had all been overworked on a hard winter passage from Gibraltar, and the tide was running out swiftly. They had pulled a few minutes when Holt noticed that they were making very poor headway. He had been away from his children for more than a year and connected them in his mind with the two on the ice cake either frozen or to be frozen if not rescued.

"I'll give every man of you," he said, "a month's extra wages if we reach the little ones and get them dead or alive."

Every oarsman bent to his work, and by dint of almost superhuman effort managed to pull the boat against the tide, which fortunately was slowly carrying the cake down stream, but unfortunately they were not in its line and were obliged to pull diagonally. This is why they must stem the tide.

They had a hard tussle, but at last made the edge of the ice cake. Holt and Simcox both jumped from the boat and ran to the center, where the children were lying perfectly quiet, the older holding the younger in his arms. Both were asleep.

"They're dead!" said Simcox.

But Holt, taking them up, gave them a vigorous shake, and both opened their eyes. He told Simcox to alternately shake and rub them, while he took a flask of diluted liquor from his pocket that he had brought for the purpose and poured some of it down the boys' throats. Tommy revived quickly, but Willie, who had been asleep longer, was pretty far gone. Holt unbuttoned his own clothing and, holding the child near to his warm flesh, wrapped his clothes about him.

It was 2 o'clock in the morning when Holt drove up in a carriage with the two boys to their home. The house was lighted, for there was no sleep for the inmates. All the parents knew was that their boys' skates were missing, and it was surmised that they had gone skating. The only further explanation was that they had been drowned. The disconsolate pair were sitting awaiting a report from the police when they heard wheels, followed by a sharp pull at the doorbell. The husband sprang up and, closely followed by his wife, darted to the door and threw it open. There stood a stalwart man with their Willie in his arms, while Tommy stood beside him.

CHARLOTTE SHERWOOD.

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NOTED VIOLIN SOLOIST COMES TO INDIANAPOLIS

CLARENCE CAMERON WHITE.

Clarence Cameron White, the well-known violin soloist, of Washington, D. C. will come to Indianapolis after an absence of five years. He wil appear at Caleb Mills Hall in a recital on April 27, under the management of Frank Fowler and Ed. Galliard. The program will be as follows:

1. Fantasie Appassionatta....Vieuxtemps
2. (a.) "The Swan".........St. Saens
   (b.) African Dance................ S. Coleridge Taylor
3. Polonaise................Mlynars

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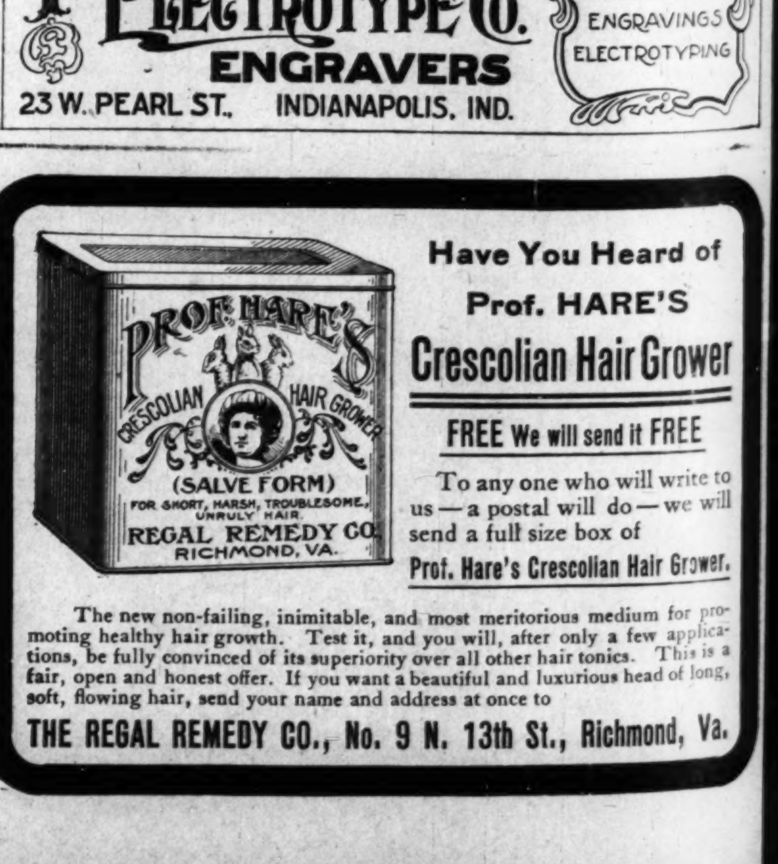

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THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

Of the National Benefit Association of Head, Second and Sidewaiters in New York City May, 1906.

Only a few weeks now remain before the date set for the next annual meeting of the association will be upon us The fourth Tuesday in May the convention will be called to order by Mr J. M. Butler, first vice president and president pro tem, in New York City. Looking forward to the meeting we are justly proud of the place of meeting and anticipate one of the largest and most interesting and beneficial meetings in the history of the organization.

We have every reason to be proud of the progress made in the year of 1905 It has been a record breaker for enrollments, the membership more than doubling any previous record. We have now more than a thousand members. The thing of importance is the place selected for the meeting. This of itself assures us of a very large attendance But these features, while both important and complimentary to the board of management, they subserve the association in numbers and place only The real interest will be proven in the aggregate of brain force brought together Men who think and who have ideas they are not afraid to express, men who will journey a long distance to tell the convention of conditions and methods affecting the colored waiter that must be improved

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HEADWAITERS.

J. W. Redmond, Headweiter of The Carroll, Vicksburg, Miss. 10-06.

C. W. Dwyer, headwaiter Commercial Club Minneapolis, Minn. 8 '05

C. H. Plummer, headwaiter Hotel Brunswick, Uniontown, Pa. 10-05

R. H. Bradley, Headwaiter Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. 3-06

G. W. Bland, Headwaiter of The Oliver, South Bend, Ind. 12-06

HOTEL DIRECTORY

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Some of the most active men in the campaign of advanced and improved methods of a waiter's work will be in attendance to discuss and dissect the questions of greatest importance to the well-being of the Negro waiter.

The sign of the times is "Progression" and this is the "symbol of the association." One who does not keep in touch with the latest inventions and methods for doing any certain work is bound to become obsolete both in ideas and the application of the hand to work done

Six years ago a paper read at the Buffalo Convention forewarned the members of the association of the approaching dangers to the colored waiter's positions. Girl waitresses were pointed out as flanking the positions from the country towns and small cities and white men in the centers of population. The best fortifications of the cities have since fallen into the white waiters' possession. The advance or success of this foe has not been arrested Possessing all the most desirable positions they are still looking for new fields to conquer. In this they have turned their attention to the South, and are succeeding in driving the Negro from some of the best hotels there. What shall we do? How shall we begin? These important questions need no answer, but they need resolution. "Build upon resolve and not on regret, the structure of thy future." A dead fish will float down stream, but it takes a live one to go up stream This is the trouble now with our waiters—too many floaters. Too many have their wishbone where their back bone should be. There are many reasons why the colored man has been displaced as a servant in the modern hotels, but the excuses for placing one class in preference to another will not help the Negro waiter in money matters. We need work, more work, a chance to work in more of the fashionable places We are not content to have a good and new modern hotel here and there—five hundred or a thousand miles apart.

Some good positions have recently come into the possession of the colored waiter, and in every case they have "made good," but to be satisfied in any position or in the attainment of any desire is dangerous The man who is satisfied is a man of limited intelligence. We not only want the best hotels, but all the hotels we can handle. This is ambition. The association aims to secure for the waiter just and equal privileges; to meet the competition of any class of men, to excell them in all particulars We shall fall far short of our aims if we fail to accomplish this design.

(Continued next week)

SHREVEPORT NOTES.

Shreveport, La., has twelve hotels open all working colored help. Ike Johnson has a first cless barber shop and restaurant and is doing a good business Mrs. Jacia Williams has a first class lunch counter, in a good stand, to accommodate any one. Mrs. E. D Williams keeps a first class rooming house on Tranis street. Mrs. Maria Brooks keeps a first class rooming house at 107 Tranis street. Mrs. D. Cham's has a nice grocery store on Tranis street. Mr. J E Allen keeps a first class rooming house at 1007 Tranis street Mrs. Stafford has a nice sewing shop on Texas avenue. Rev. D. D. Doyles is now building a fine residence on Perrie avenue estimated to cost $2,500. Elder J. B. Green is pastor of Antioch Baptist church, worth $30 000. We have one colored dentist, Dr W. E Wrainwater, and six colored doctors, Dr. F T. Jones, Dr T. H. Wright, Dr Cain, Dr W. E Smith, Dr Brown and Dr. Martin We have in our town three first class colored drug stores belonging to Dr. Wright, Dr. F T. Jones and Dr Brown

The following is the crew of the New Pheonix Hotel:

John Smith, head waiter.
E. P Scott second waiter.
William Robertson, captain.
B Lucas, lieutenant.
W. C. Crawford, linen man.
G. H. Lane, silver man.
L. W. Hamilton, buss man.

Sidewaiters—H. W. Hamilton, Jesse Jackson, Herman Shaw, J. W Young, Wm. Gaddisan, Chas. Clay, Smith, Geo. Armstrong and B. McCray.

The following is the crew of the Hotel Caddo:

H. S. Wilson, headwaiter.
Andrew Greenway, second waiter.
J. D. McGraw, lieutenant.
W. H. Butler, linen man.
C. Murray, silver man.
Clifton Marx, castor man.
W. P. Price, sugar man.
Robert Fields, buss man.

Sidewaiters—James Kenedy, William Hodge, D. Williamson, Mac Raines, Ernest Watson and Walter Bedell.

These hotels are patronized by the best white and colored people.

HOUSTON HOTEL NOTES.

The Bristol Hotel at Houston, Texas, under Headwaiter Bradshaw is getting along nicely.—Mr. H. Pratt and his crew of twenty-seven waiters at the Rice are getting along nicely. He delivered a lecture to the waiters of Houston last week, and his remarks were considered for the betterment of hotel men —W. Dicker is now holding the doors at the Burnett Hotel.—George Brownlow is connected with the Logan crew again.—Headwaiter Harris says his boys are at the top.

What Pure Food Laws Will Mean

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WASHINGTON, PENN.

Mr. Charles Morton's little girl was badly burned on Sunday afternoon, March 18th.—Rev. A. Elas, pastor of Lincoln Baptist Church, has returned from Old Virginia, where he was called, seven weeks ago, to the bedside of a sick mother over 80 years of age.—The members of St Paul A. M. E. Church are preparing to build a new church.—Mrs. Blanche Holmes of Point Pleasant, W. Va., who has been visiting Mrs. Jackson, her sister, has returned.—Mr. I. Asberry, our leading barber and proprietor of the finest barbershop in West Virginia, is now the district grand master of the Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania —Washington Lodge of Free Masons will have their annual sermon preached the 4th of April.—Mr. Jackson, the news dealer, cafe, new and second hand clothing, cigars and tobacco store and poultry raiser, is a business man, doing business on business principles, organized the business men's club to advance more interest in Afro-American enterprises. —Mrs. Edith M. Jackson will visit her mother at Point Pleasant, W. Va., in the near future.—There are six banking houses in Washington, Pa, and every one has a colored porter; also three colored letter carriers—Jones, Johnson and Bolden; one colored policeman, Geo. Baker, one colored doctor, Dr. Honesty, and one colored lawyer, W. M. Butler.—Wm. Mull, one of our leading citizens, is in easy circumstances.—Misses Julia Smith and Mary Waite spent Sunday in Pittsburg.—Our business men are Messrs. Tobias & Wilson, blacksmiths, Robert Green, real estate, Mark Willis, caterer, B. W. H Jackson, new and second hand clothing store, cafe and news depot, George Ware, tailor, George Wicks, caterer, Mr. Brook, fish market, Mr. Fields and Wm Allen, pool rooms.—William Hayes and P. A. Jackson have been made Free Masons.—Worshipful Master Green, who has just returned from the grand lodge, reports that there are 29,000 Free Masons in the State of Pennsylvania.

KANSAS CITY MISSOURI.

W. F. Walker, of Chicago is in the city.—James Peterson was mysteriously shot and died from the wound Tuesday of the last week —Hon. N. C. Crews has organized a republican marching club —Lawyer Houston has been made a member of the Republican Central Committee.—Nicholas Chiles, of Topeka was the guest of A. W. Harris and Fred L. Douglass last week R. H. Todd, a recent arrival from Lawrence, Kans., is doing the pressing and cleaning stunt at the Black Diamond Tailor Shop.—The Black Diamond Messenger office is the professional headquarters. You can secure a copy of The Freeman each week.

CHAMPAIGN ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Sarah Merrel of North Oak street has returned from a visit in Tennessee with her mother.—Arthur Allen and mother of Springfield Ill, were here with Mrs. J. Lee who is very ill. in North Walnut street. Walter Davis spent Sunday in Homer, Ill., with his family.—Fred Whittaker spent Sunday in Bloomington, Ill., with friends —P. D, Lumsford is improving.—B. Nash is ill.

The Pine Grove Baptist church at Abbeville, S. C. is doing excellently under the pastorate of Rev. H. C. Anderson. Interesting services are held every Sunday.

MORGANTOWN WEST VIRGINIA.

The members of the Knights of Pythias Lodge were entertained on the evening of March 7, at the home of Mrs. H. Parker the mother of William Parker. The evening was very enjoyably spent.—Miss Lulu Phillips who has been in our city for some time returned to her home at Charlestown Monday of last week.—Miss Sallie Clements left our city a few days ago for Hot Springs for her health —Mrs Helen Crable and Mrs. Ella Smith, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rhodes entertained in honor of the birthday of their parents. About 25 persons were present and toasts were given, led by Mrs A Belle Ellis. Mr. Rhodes' birthday is on March 15 and Mrs. Rhodes' on March 16 —William Asbury has returned from New Haven, Pa.—The Bright Star Club entertained their friends on the evening of March 15, with graphaphone music.—The Freeman can be secured from J. H. Lewis, 205 E, Walnut.

SOUTH BEND INDIANA

The ladies of the St. P. Ruffin and the ladies of the O. D. F. will entertain the State Federation April 24 and 25. The Knights of Templar of this city will give their fourth annual ball and banquet, at Place Hall, April 16.—G. H. Smith, J. Pierce, J. Motan and R. Lehorn have opened a first-class club to entertain strangers. I. Motan will leave in a few days for the West.—H. W. Russell of Logansport has moved to this city and opened a first-calss restaurant.—Mrs. Ophelia Lamont, of Indianapolis is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. W Bland.—Joe Artis and V. Smith have organized an orchestra of six pieces.—The Masons and Eastern Star are meeting with great success.—Mrs. C. Matthews who has been ill about six weeks, is improving. Any one desiring The Freeman leave your order at 120 1-2 S. Main avenue. or at the club.

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THE LAW AND THE MOB.

Whether or not the law is to be applied to the crime of those 'Southern gentlemen" who murdered the man Johnson pending a stay of execution granted by the Supreme Court, remains to be seen. The great mass of the American people do not look behind appearances, but take them on the face of the returns. They seem ever ready to believe all sorts of absurd stories concerning the cause of these illegal killings. But a case occasionally comes forward which shows that these crimes against the name of civilization are not prompted by any desire to protect "the honor of our women." The killing of Johnson was one of them. It was one for which there was absolutely no excuse for it clearly showed that it was prompted alone by that spirit of deviltry to the soil of the South.

What the people of this country do not seem able to understand is that such crimes really injure those who commit them more than the race against which they are committed; that what they are really making a debt in the form of degradation which must be paid with usury if this country continues its march in the direction of a higher civilization. Such debts contracted by a people cannot be repudiated or "bluffed" out of the account of life. If not paid by the fathers it will have to be faced by their children. If history counts for anything it shows that none can escape the consequences of evil doing, violations of the known law of right and wrong are the unchained lions in the road of progress.

That is cheering news which comes from Columbus, Ohio, to the effect that a law has been passed increasing the saloon license from $350 to $1,000 a year. It is a step in the right direction. It speaks more for the moral tone of Ohio than anything else we can recall in the doings of that State. The brewers assert that the law will drive six thousand saloons out of business. This, itself, is sufficient to justify its passage.

Our editors appear to be side-stepping the railroad rate bill, which President Roosevelt regards as his pet measure. Well, it must be confessed that, aside from the bare possibility of an amendment bearing upon the rights of inter-state passengers to appeal to the federal power, under the law, there is very little gravy in the matter for the Negro, who likes 'his'n" highly seasoned.

Wouldn't it be fine if the unwillingness of the mine owners to pay just prices for mining coal would result in a receivership by the government? Then we would get coal, the miners would get wages and the owners would get profits—but not so large as they have been accustomed to getting.

Superintendent C. N. Kendall, in his address at Flanner Guild, gave what we regard as the best definition of the word education we have yet heard. It is this—"A man is educated when he has command of himself."

Is there any sensible reason why the public should be denied one of its necessities just becauss the price to be paid for producing could not be agreed upon? These lords of earth should be made to get out of the manger.

We do not see how the government of these United States can expect civilized people to have any respect for its authority unless it punishes those Chattanooga murderers.

EDITORIAL SQUIBS.

Much adieu, Jack Frost

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"Learn to labor and to wait."

—x—

Industry breeds a life of contentment.

—x—

The spring weather may be just over the hill, but it is hard to tell how far.

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Wouldn't it be strange news if we read of the Negro becoming money mad?

—x—

Do not let your coal get low for you know not what to-morrow may bring forth.

—x—

There are many who are now preparing for a new Easter attire when they should be preparing for the "feeble age."

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W. T. Vernon will have nothing in his way in becoming the Register of the Treasury as—well Roosevelt is President.

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It is no sign that our young men should rid themselves of their overcoats because they have heard a robbin chirp in some tree.

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If Prof. William H. Richards isn't careful the "committee on search" will steal upon him and tag him for President of Howard University.

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What is the good of a newspaper to its readers if it is everlastingly filled from page to page with a picture and a boost of some white candidate?

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It may be all right for the young Negro to live a life of ease, but it always seems to make them too confining in their regular habits—eating and sleeping.

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With the appointment of James W. Johnson as Consul at Puerto Cabello and J. W. Watson to the New York Legislature it looks as if Charlie Anderson might be "sole proprietor and manager" in New York.

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Can any one answer the question, "Why so many members of our race are getting to be fiends on writing?" Many think they are fully qualified for writing for some newspaper even though they do not know their A B C's.

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Hurray for the Hon. Judson W. Lyons, Sr. Just think, when he is released from the nerve-racking duties of the Register of the Treasury, he can return to "dear old Georgia" and greet a darling baby boy hat we feel he will be more proud of than he highest and best office that could be given him in this fair land.

SHORT FLIGHTS.

Doers of the right have no fear of the law.

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For downright deviltry the record shows Springfield, Ohio, to be several laps ahead of Breathitt county, Ky.

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The ex-slave pension schemers have been driven to the wall. Score another tally for the power of the press,

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There will be no more "Storms" in the office of the Secretary of State of Indiana after April 1. There will be a new deal, it "Sims."

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Is Rev. A. J. Carey the Adonis of the Chicago ministry, actually a candidate for Dr. W. D. Chappelle's job as secretary of the A. M. E. Sunday-school Union?

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The Macon (Ga.) Conference at least demonstrated that Negroes can pull off an orderly equal rights convention in the heart of the South, without loss of life or limb.

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The attention of J. G. Groves, the potato king, is called to the vile attempt on the part of a member of Congress to limit the fortune a man may accumulate to a measly $10,000.

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A militia is bound to be weak and inefficient when the members thereof are in active sympathy with the mob, and that mob possibly including fathers and brothers of the members of the militia.

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In Louisvile, Ky., recently, two Negroes committod suicide, two more were adjudged insane, and the roustabouts on the river front went out on a strike for higher wages. Verily, we are getting more like white folks.

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It may surprise some people to hear that there is a new inning of trouble in the M Street High School at Washington. Most people are surprised, however, whenever there is a lull in this perennial storm-center.

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Without intending to indulge in levity, it may be said that in carrying the next meeting of the Afro-American Council to Charlotte, the ever alert and proverbially astute Bishop C. W. Clinton scored a "home run."

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John Mitchell, the president of the United Miners, is wise in declining political office. No office can make a big man any bigger. On the contrary, big men are invariably hampered in their efforts to serve the people, because of the narrow limitations imposed by the demands of party expediency.

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Rev. Tom Dixon has not evinced any overweening desire to join issue with Miss Nannie H. Burroughs. It is also noticeable that he is as wary of Prof. Kelly Miller, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Bishop Turner, Dr. L. G. Jordan and T. Thomas Fortune as Battling Nelson and Jimmy Britt are of one Joe Gans.

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A political party that punishes its own rascals can go into a campaign without apology or explanation. Likewise, a church that turns its own rascals out suffers no loss of prestige in the eyes of the people. One does not have to go far from home to find practical applications of these bits of old-fashioned philosophy.

R. W. THOMPSON.

Forty Years A Freeman

For our article under this head to-day we have a complete directory of the colored business enterprises of Springfeld, Ill. This directory not only shows the progress the race has made during forty years of freedom, but it gives the reader an opportunity to learn for himself the kind of business the race is striving to build up. We want to introduce to our readers the firm of H. K. Wilson & Son, one of the most succesful colored business enterprises in the city. Messrs. Wilson & Son are tinners; they make a speciality of roofing, guttering and repair work; in business fourteen years; employ from three to five men during the busy season; gross receipts for 1905 was about $10,000. This company is located at 318 N. Fifth street.

W. L. Cosby, plumber, steam fitter and tinner; five years in business; makes a specialty in furnaces and repair work; employs one to two men during busy season; reports good success; located at 128 E. Jefferson street.

The Bates, Lewis & Co., wholesale and retail dealers in bailed hay, straw, grain and feed, coal, wood and kindling. This company is located near the business part of the city, and at present are building a feed barn for the accommodation of farmers who do their trading in the city. They give regular employment to five or six men; own a number of teams. Their year's receipts for 1905 aggregated nearly $12,000. Office northwest corner Ninth and Jefferson streets.

Yellow Reynolds, the very popular coal dealer at 714 E. Washington street, is a business man of national fame.

George O'Banion, the coal man; orders promptly delivered by ton or bushel; located at 1705 E. Stewart.

John Farmer & Sons the capital rug works and carpet cleaning company, is located at 1905 E. Adams street This company owns an up-to-date steam plant; makes a specialty of rug weaving, carpet cleaning, sewing and laying; ten years in business; employs from four to ten men; gross receipts for 1905 about $10,000.

Oscar W. Peandrews, carpet cleaning, sewing, also furniture cleaning; located at 522 N. Tenth street.

A. Morris Williams, real estate, loan and contracting; ten years in business. Mr. Williams is one of Springfield's most successful colored business men. Office near corner of Eleventh and Washington streets.

Chas. A. Ellis, real estate, loans and rental agent, room in Myer's building.

C. H. Jones, real estate, loans, renting and contracting. Office 122½ N. Fifth street.

Henry Rhoden is the only colored funeral director and licensed embalmer in central Illinois; calls promptly attended to night or day; located at 119 N. Eighth street.

Thompson Bros., grocers; five years in business; located at 806 E. Washington street.

The Economy Grocery Store is located at 117 N. Eighth street. T. P. Coleman, proprietor; carries about $500 stock; two years in business.

E. L. White's grocery is located at 1420 E. Adams street; carries about $800 stock; nine years in business. Mr. White is the oldest colored grocer in the city; his patrons are mostly white.

Miss Addie L. Duncan, dealer in groceries; seven years in business; located at 812 E. Washington street.

Henry Hill, grocer, 900 S. Eighteenth street; seven years in business; white patronage very poor.

Lawrence Brandon, saloon and rooming; in business eighteen months; reports good trade; located at 1031 E. Mason streett

George Richardson, saloon; located at 917 E. Madison.

Wm. G. George, saloon, 712 E. Washington street.

Kemp's saloon, 819 E. Washington.

Prof. S. J Morton, saloon, 2205 E. Kansas.

H. Tucker, barber shop; equal rights; first class; 107 S. Eighth street.

L. F. Osborne, O. K. barber shop, 716 E. Washingten.

C. N. Hinton, barber, 628 E. Washington.

W. J. Arbuckle, barber, 1802 E. Cook.

Mark Anothony, barber, 821 E. Washington.

D. O. Yates, barber, 109 N. Fifth.

Scott Burton, barber, 903 E. Jefferson.

George Burnet, contractor, lath and plastering; no job too small or too large for him; employs from two to ten men during busy season; located at 829 E. Madison.

Wm. Russell, plasterer and bricklayer, 1415 E. Capital avenue.

M. T. Snowden & Son, plasters and bricklayers; first class workmen; takes small or large contracts; 1701 E. South Grand avenue.

Mrs. Josie Jackson, dressmaking; makes specialty of first class ladies' tailor-made suits; employs a number of women during busy season; located at 217 E Union.

Mrs, Anna Evans, dressmaking; six months in business at 929 S. Pasfield St.

Mrs. J. B. Thomas, dressmaking and plain sewing, 814 E Washington.

Harry Taylor, proprietor Capital City Pantitorium; 450 members; in business five years; located at 109 S. Fourth.

J. W. McKinney, tailor, 314 N. Fifth.

Dr. James E. Henderson, physician and surgeon; office 107½ west side square

Dr. S. A. Ware, physician and surgeon; office 619 E. Monroe.

W. M. Mitchel, expressman, 1605 East Reynolds.

G. W. Wright, expressman, 1928 East Kansas.

A. L. Wilson, expressman, stand east side square.

A, S. Debose, carpenter and builder; takes small or large contracts; employs a number of men; office 919 E Case.

Elmer Rhinehart, carpenter and builder, 214 N. Eleventh street.

Lee's Hotel; seven years in business; forty-six rooms; European plan; 577 E. Jefferson

Sarah Ferguson, rooming and boarding, 1027 E. Madison.

H. Tucker, rooming, 728 E Washington.

H. Sallie, rooming, 726 E. Washington

H. Tucker & Co., restaurant, European and American plan; home cooking and short order; soda and ice cream parlor in connection; everything clean and up-to-date; 728 E. Washington.

Morris Wilson, restaurant, 1100 East Madison.

The Keystone pool and billiards, fine cigars and tobacco; B. Jackson, proprietor, 121 S. Fourth

Advance Citizen, colored weekly newspaper, H. T. Bowman, publisher; office 122½ N. Fifth.

The Forum, E. L. Rogers, manager; office 305½ S. Sixth.

Illinois Record, H. Sallie, publisher, and bicycle repairer, 726 E. Washingfon.

All items of local interest pertaining to the race are generally worked over by one or the other of the colored papers printed here. We note, however, that only one of them seem to think it wise and prudent at this time to publish the presence of The Freeman's traveling representative in the city. The following is a clipping from the Advance Citizen:

"The traveling representatives of the Indianapolis Freeman are in our city in the interest of that paper. Mr George H. Jones and wife are wideawake hustlers, and are making friends for themselves and the enterprise they are so ably representing."

The next article under this head will be a visit to the Lincoln colored home at Springfield, Ill.

GEORGE H. JONES,
1123 E. Adams St., Springfield, Ill.

THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

(Continued from First Page)

tain over-generous friends. To satisfy all who may be moved to inquire, let me hasten to explain that I was born in the grand old Commonwealth of Kentucky, where the rank of "Colonel" is the birthright of every citizen of the masculine persuasion. In addition to this credential, I am the holder of a specially-ordained commission from the military division of the Pen and Pencil Club of Washington, D. C., as a "Colonel" in "The Ancient, Honorable and Patriotic Army of Office-Holders and Office-Seekers," promoted because of distinguished service, both as a soldier of and seeker after the fruits of Uncle Sam's plum tree—particularly as a seeker thereof. There is nothing like understanding important matters of this kind.

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The rumor that Negro soldiers are not longer wanted in the United States Army is a mistake, growing out of the fact that at a number of recruiting stations in the South, none but white men were asked to enlist, to fill out a special regimental quota. Negroes are as welcome as ever when recruits are needed for the four regiments set apart for the race—the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry, together with a few assignments in the Philippine Scouts. As terms expire, new men are being enlisted in the usual fashion. Secretary Taft is not the man to "stand for" any color-line foolishness in the ranks of the nation's defenders, and any rumfors of discrimination on account of race can be discredited in advance, as long as he is "sitting on the official lid."

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Dr. James E. Shepard, North Carolina's brilliant and popular young leader, now rendering highly efficient service as field secretary of the International Sunday School Union, is said to be booked for something good at the hands of the administration, which is always ready to recognize and encourage colored men of character and talent. Dr. Shepard has been of great value to the party in a section where loyalty and healthful activity is essential to the work of building up a genuine republican organization and putting it into fighting trim. He ought to have a reward of a most substantial kind. The President would gratify a very large contingent of influential colored and white republicans, North and South, by naming Dr. Shepard for a first-class berth in the diplomatic service, for which line of duty he possesses exceptional gifts. At one time it was rumored that the post of Minister to San Domingo would eventually be offered to a competent Negro. When the time is ripe for the proposed change, President Roosevelt need not go any further than Dr. Shepard's door to get just the material he is looking for.

R. W. THOMPSON.

CHARGES YET UNANSWERED.

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Of the scores of letters received endorsing my course, I select a few of the most representative, from which to take brief extracts. The writers of most of them fear episcopay vengence if their names are known, and I must regard their interests. A few, however, have given me the privilege of using their names.

First, Dr. H. T. Johnson, editor of the Christian Recorder, in rejecting my first article, writes:

"While what you say is largely true, it won't do to air it through our church organs to the public. It not only injures the church to do so, but I find that the editor's motives would be impugned, and more harm than good would result should such exposures and indictments be published."

The Christian Recorder has never contradicted a single specification except that referring to the fifth district.

A layman of great prominence in Missouri, writes:

"Your remedy is very drastic, but then I recall what a monstrous disease you are treating. Like a powerful physic, it may terribly upset us, but theh thought of the happiness to follow in its wake is enough to lull you on. You are saying what many intelligent men, laymen and ministers know to be true, but as yet haven't had the moral courage to express it publicly."

A minister in the fourth district writes:

"I want to commend you for the manly, Christian-like stand you have taken. It is a fact that many are slow to admit that for the past years the masses have been, and are being led by those who have no conception of right. It is self evident truth that they disregard God and man, and intemperance, immorality, politics and secret orders have our people from the pulpit to the pew. God grant that you may write and speak until the voice of God becomes the voice of the people, that righteousness might prevail."

A member of the New York conference writes:

"I wish to comend you for the stand taken. The strange thing to me is that those preaching editors, who should be both examples of good morals and reprovers of sin, should be against you. The A. M. E. Church is fast losing, if it has not already lost, the respect of the progressive, well-to-do, better element of the race for the following reasons: (1) The large abuse of the highest function in the gift of the church. (2) The cloaking of wrong-doing and the abuse of the transfer system. (3) Morality, education and youth see no near promise of reward." He makes serious charges against the episcopal heads of the first district.

Mr. Stanley Ruffin, president of the Ruffin Stopper and Bung Manufacturing Company, Boston, writes: "I have read with delight your evidently not overdrawn exposures of the moral degradation of our colored ministers as published in the Indianapolis Freeman. May a divine power be yours to arouse the people that they may arise and cast off the incubus that is strangling them."

Another business man of Philadelphia writes:

"It is with profound sympathy and respect for your views, that I write you a few lines endorsing your truthful charges, and especially your manly courage in attacking the rotten system into which the Negro clergy has drifted in the past twenty years; and the attempt to deny the facts set forth in your articles, is next to insanity. Our religious institutions, being in reality the only freedom allowed us, can we afford to play fast and loose with them at this stage of our struggle, by allowing the church to be ruled by scheming and unprincipled men?"

—One of the most prominent ministers in Kentucky writes:

"I have read with great delight your articles in which you expose the graft, embezzlements and other corruptions too shameful to mention. Please accept my congratulations for the bold and very honorable stand you have taken. I am ready to lend you all my moral, religious, literary or legal ability."

Another minister of great prominence, writes:

"Thirty years in the A. M. E. ministry has convinced me that some of the worst men in the country are in the pulpit of this church."

A minister from Florida writes a lengthy communication in which he says: "Many will criticise your stand, but God be praised for such a man. You have not said a word amiss."

In a very interesting letter from Texas, the writer says:

"Dear Doctor—I only hope that you will continue to push for reform in our church. You shall have our prayers. You have no idea how many are with you in your noble efforts. And God will bless the labor of His servant."

Here is one from the superintendent of one of the largest Sunday schools in connection with which he says:

"I write to state that I am very much in sympathy with the effect you are making in behalf of reform in our church. Also say that I believe that you have the interest at heart of many of our honest people who have viewed with alarm the immoral condition into which our church is drifting on account of the rottenness of some of its imoral leaders. They have flaunted their indecency into our very faces and then climb into their pulpits and try to preach the gospel, as if they thought we could hear their words. And we are simply helpless, so far as any remedy is concerned, because of the sympathy and support given them by a certain class of members, and the absolute indifference of the bishops."

I was about to conclude, but here comes a letter fro ma layman in one of the most representative churches in the connection, and situated in the Second Episcopal District, informing me that their pastor has been charged with criminal assault, and that the affidavit of his victim was presented to the bishop by a committee of the officers of the church. Notwithstanding this fact, no investigation was ordered, and the pastor was reappointed. It is further stated that this pastor gives the bishop $25.00 each visit he chooses to make to that church, and that his dollar money report is always great. This is but a sample of many cases, and bad as it is, I am not publishing the wost charges I hold in my hands, for very shame for the race.

The same mail brought a letter from a chaplain in the U. S. Army in which he says:

"I know that you have told nothing but the truth and to many of your statements I am a witness. You have taken high ground, as only a Christion consecrated to the cause of Christ can take. Dr. Johnson's answer to you is a pitiful one, to say the least. It would have been better for him to have kept silent. He has talked with me about the same things you are telling and he knows that you are telling the truth; yet he cries to the mob, 'Crucify him, crucify him.'"

The letters quoted have been selected from a great pile of similar ones; but they cover the entire field north, south, east and west; laymen and ministers—and yet I have not told the worst.

Dr. Johnson raves and charges about my baptism, but fails to answer one of the fifteen questions which I asked him. Poor fellow, I am sorry to have to puncture his little bishopric boom, but such cowards as he are already cursing the church, and the people wnow it. The times calls for men. The great graft of the insurance companies is no worse than the graft in our church and several of the bishops are as guilty as any of the insurance presidents.

Every dollar paid for episcopal residence, or for bishop's traveling expenses by an annual conference, is graft, pure and simple. The financial secretary furnishes each bishop five hundred dollars per year to meet these very expenses, and hence no annual conference has the right to appropriate one cent of dollar money, which belongs to the widows, orphans, and superanuated preachers, for bishops' residence, or travel, no matter how many residences the conference has bought.

D. A. GRAHAM.

Detroit, Mich.

SOME OBSERVATIONS.

During the engagement of the "Rufus Rastus Company at the Park Theatre last week the absence of J. Ed. Green was much noted. Mr. Green has been heralded as the stage director and producer of the musical numbers, of this company, besides playing the principal lead to Mr. Hogan, but a severe attack of tonsilitis in connection with being threatened with pneumonia, has kept the gentleman in question off the stage since March 14. We are glad to note his rapid strides to good health. He hopes to be alright and able to appear very soon. J Leubrie Hill, late of Williams & Walker Company very ably handled Mr. Green's part and since we haven't seen Mr. Green as "Mr Beasley" Mr. Hill looks good to us.

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Among the novelties the Rufus Rastus Company are the number of celebrities the the chorus contains. Among the girls in the opening chorus and the minstrel maids in the Palmetta Bower scene and wearing a gaudy spangled dress in the ball room scene which Mr. Hogan mentions as the "fish lady," is a modest little lady by the name of Miss Madge Warren who on inquiry is the wife of the much talked of fighter Joe Gans. She, unwillingly has had her name dragged before the public in a divorce case, filed by the fighter, which was defeated by the plucky little woman. She is well satisfied as one of the "aisos" of the Rufus Rastus Company and though not a celebri y.

WOODSON.

Every Lady Read This.

Years ago when I was a sufferer, a nurse told me of a wonderful cure for Leucorrhea, Displacement, Painful Periods, Ulceration and Ovarian troubles. It cured me in a month. It is a simple harmless lotion that can be prepared by any one having the recipe. I will send it Free to every suffering sister who writes to me. I have nothing to sell. In a case of woman helping woman. I send it Free. Address Mrs. A. B. Hudnut, South Bend, Ind.

WOULD YOU PAY 20 CENTS
For a whole year's subscription to the Voice of the Negro
Write me at once and I will tell you how. Don't send any money.
A. L. HOLSEY, ATHENS G

The Stage

There will be a colored theatre opened in Houston, Tex., early in the summer.

You can always be found if your name appears in The Freeman's Manager's and Actor's Directory.

The Clermonts, Frank and Etta are now at Denver, at the Novelty Theatre. Mr. Clermont has just buried his grandmother.

The Two Jolly Prices will travel on the Novelty and Adams Circuit. Their latest addition to the act is Mr. Ernest Hogan's latest success, "Wouldn't It Be a Dream?"

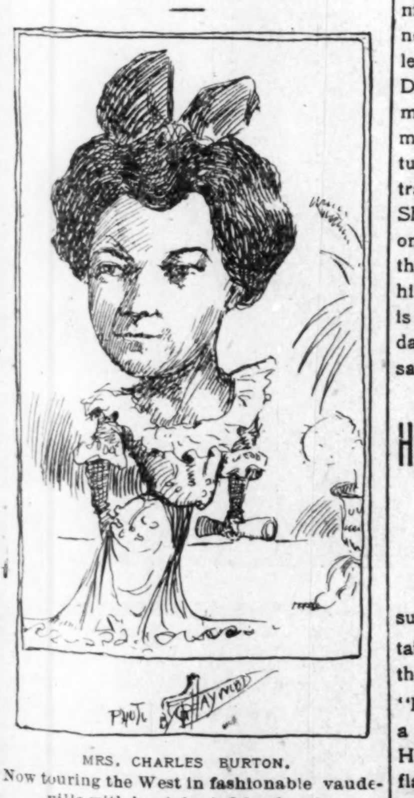
During the engagement of the Rufus Rastus Company tn Indianapolis last week. Mr. Ernest Hogan and Mr. Tom Logan were the guests of Elwood C. Knox, manager of The Freemsn, at his home in West Vermont street.

After a seven week's stand in Havana Cuba the Porter Howard and Watson Ragtime Opera Company with the Delgaram Carnival Company, are back on the main land. They played a ten days' stand at at Key West Fla. The company with the following members are doing fine: Peter Porter, James Crawford, Ed Howard, Kate Porter and Nettie Howard. Regards to friends.

NEW ORLEANS MINSTREL NOTES.

J. B Norton writes from Blakely, Ga We are having some cool weateer, a big difference from Florida. Our business is good. Smith & Watts in their sketch act are making good. The Panegerium of Sun is opened up with H. S. Smith singing those, "Loving Words Sounds Mighty Good to Me," assisted by John Dennis, J. B. Norton, Moore, Watts, Sims J. Cox, Jr. and George Jackson. "I Wonder Will She Miss Me" sung by Thomas W. Downs is encored nightly. Charles E. Rice, the clever conversationalist and bass singer is making a clean hit nightly. Richard Burrows, the clever Southern lad closed at Albany, Ga., and went to his home at Houston, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mitchel joined at Arlington, Ga. Mrs. Vaughn and Moore are the footlight favorites. J. B. Norton, the black mammy and H, S. Smith as Uncle Eph are a howling success. G. Dupree the country rube is getting his daily. Prof. McCamon's band of sixteen pieces is setting them wild and is the talk of the town. B. A. Matthews wishes to hear from T. J. Dickson, clarionet player.

THE FREEMAN GALLERY.



MRS. CHARLES BURTON.
Now touring the West in fashionable vaudeville with her talented husbaud.

If singing be glorifying,
Let me ever hear thy song.
Your singing instead of sighing
For my whole life long:
Just when you sing "Dixie Land,"
Why then I feel so gay
That there I want to take "my stand"
And happily live alway.

—CHARLES MARSHALL.

The Brewers, John and Maud opened Fuller's Opera House Christchurch, New Zealand, February 1, followed by Dunedin, Wellington, and Auckland, all in New Zealand; then a four days' sail to the Fiji Island and through Australia and China and back to Christchurch to the World's Fair. There is an opening for all good people, write John Fuller, in care of Fuller's Opera House, Auckland, N. Z.

KANSAS CITY STAGE NOTES.

Douglass Griffin will join the Van Amburg circus this season. Frank Houten of the Honolulu Minstrel spent a few days in the city last week. J. M. Layton, the slack-wire artist is the guest of F. P. Douglass. An Amusement Park controlled by colored people will be realized here. Harry Hall, the well-known tuba player and wife are going to Des Moine, Ia Prof, Jessie Babonman, the well-known band master will go to Marshall, Mo., to rehearse a band fer a concert.

BAUSCHER PLANTATION MINSTREL COMPANY.

The show is doing well; playing to S R. O. at every performance. Henderson & Bruce are still cleaning up with their song and real dance. Mrs. Rosa Scott is still gettieg her encores singing "Sympathy." George Boultie is still breaking the floor in with his buck and wing specialty. Charles H. Hunter, Henry Bright and Charlie Chapman sends regards to all in the profession. Only a few weeks in Mississippi and then farewell to the Sunny South. Richard Scott sends regards to all of the old timers.

BILLY KERSANDS MINSTRELS NOTES.

We are still in Pennsylvania with unexpected success, notwithstanding that it is Lent and a great strike expected, we have not as yet thus far felt the effect. A good colored minstrel is what the east wants. There has not been a colored minstrel show up this way for nearly five years, and you can imagine the craze, as well as the immense business. We had the pleasure of showing at Orange, N. J., Sylvester Russell's home to overwhelming houses. Mr. Russell rendered two very high class ballads for us. He said that our show is perfectly astounding and that he did not have any idea of meeting such talent. Alonzo Moore, our magician has been visited by all the great magicians of the East, and his work was called the cleanest and best work seen around here in years. Black Carl gave him all kinds of praise and calls him "whirlwind Lonnie." The Campbell Bros. made a strenous hit everywhere. John E Sherman's startling and artistic drill is commanding all the appreciation possible. Amos Gilliard, the trombonist sends regards to all friends. The company sends regards to all friends.

RICHARDS & PRINGLES GEORGIA MINSTREL IN THE WEST.

And still the good work goes on for we are met with crowded houses each night. Our new afterpiece, Jim Jackson at Union Station, at Cincinnati, or on his way to Morrow, O, to visit his son, written by our stage manager and star, is a winner. Powell appears in the title role must be highly complimented as the piece depends upon what each one gets out of his past, experience has caused him to put the right man in the right place. Business through Arizona out of the ordinary and Texas seems to be repeating the dose for our opening night in El Paso. Standing room could not be bought at any price, even the stairs leading to the balcony were crowded. In Douglass, Arizona Kirk & Cooper, the musical photographers, by mutual agreement dissolved partnership and in the future Kirk will work alone as the musical tramp. In Tucson Ariz., where the Shriners were in session, after rendering one of his trombone solos, Fred Simpson the band leader had the dollars thrown at him. Ralph Nicolas, our orchestra leader is keeping that department up to the standard and is improving wonderfully on his saxaphone. Regards to all friends,

HENRY TROY WAS ANGRY.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Made very angry because a new spring suit of clothes made by his New York tailor did not fit him snugly, Henry Troy, the famous tenor with Ernest Hogan's "Rufus Rastus" Company, severely scored a clerk who had come to collect collateral. His eyes were closed, but sparks of fire flashed between the lashes, and his voice was pitched in a key beyond its compass. When we recall that Troy has been abroad and his clothes have been made in London it is no wonder that an American tailor is a very cheap "Charlie." The scene mentioned occurred in Troy's dressing room during a Jersey City matinee, in the presence of the critic, who was of course, mildly, but not unusally surprised at the declaration of a highly seasoned nervous singer's fury.

It was when the now agitated clerk tried to sooth him by asking for a copy of the beautifut song "Just One Word of Consolation" that Troy's heart melted and his countenance once more lit up with the sunny smile of love sentiment that you feel, hear and see when he tells it out in song. When the storm had past, the gifted tenor remembered that he is a man of culture. In an instant he arose and looking down upon the critic, for Troy, is tall, proud and stylish he appealingly said, "I'm sorry you caught me angry, Mr. Russell" but the critic smiled forgivingly and hurried out.

PENCILINGS

By W. Milton Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind.

Ernest Hogan's "Rufus Rastus" Company will very pleasantly remember the greeting extended by the theatregoers of this city, the latter half of last week at the Park Theatre. No show of the kind in recent years has been better patronized. Ernest Hogan had already made a reputation as a leading comedian, which with judicious advertisement and the lavish expenditure of money for stage necessities also the effort to secure the best talent regardless of expense were the charms that did tne work.

This show as the other recent productions was a study and worthy of more than passing note. It stood for the extreme possibility for performers and audience up-to-date. As intimated the show was made up of high-class people making it almost all stars aggregation. There was a noticeable increase in singing, the harmonizing was good to hear. The interweaving of high and low comedy was so nicely balanced that the whole was beautiful. Apparently nothing was left undone that could contribute to the success of the undertaking.

The stage setting was elaborate evidently necessitating thousands of dollars of expense. In the languare of Mr. Hogan, "Our contract calls for a clear stage." Two carloads of scenery in charge of the company's electrician, carpenters and other necessary help took the place of the usual stage trappings. The electric mechanism was novel and wonderful, contributing greatly towards making the show attractive and pleasing.

Mr. Ernest Hogan. the inimitable, "Rufus Rastus" of the footlights is yet more in private life. Mr. Hogan is a cultivated gentleman of education, a reader, a musician, conversationalist of ability and pleasing, in short a delightful man to know personally. As a showman he is acquainted with every detail of his great company Nothing is too small for his observation. His support is loyal and recognize him as does the public, the premier comedian of his class of the American stage. Mr Hogan is a comedian in the best sense. He expects to enter the more legitimate field at no distant day, supported by a company of good colored artists. He thinks the time is ripe for such an untertaking.

As "Rufus Rastus," Hogan is simply great. The hurrah noted when he appeared in the Smart Set has been cut out He does a clean, clear cut business that is not rivalled He is inimitably funny; not because he is Hogan. Were he anybody else doing the same business as he does, it would be the same thing.

There was no plot, however an almost inperceptible thread running throu h, culminating in the winning of Selina Giltedge, a character assumed by Miss Carita Day. Miss Day is a tall, lovely woman somewhat on the order of Marion Smart in winsomeness, surpasses her in vivacity; her facial expression and eyes do the great part of her acting. Her movements are willowy, regal at times and always charming. All this she finally bestows on Rufus Rastus who she thought might be more than a bootblack

Mamie Emerson as Mandy Jones led the "Mandy" girls and boys in a bit of good singing and very graceful dancing. Miss Emerson appears at home on the stage. Henry Troy, the sweet voiced tenor carried the audienc off its feet when he sang "Consolation." Troy is simply great. He appears to an advantage as Lazarus Tuttle Harry Gilliam as Samson Strong did some very good acting in his "hallucinations." He is also stage manager. Catastrophe, the mule by Theo Pankey was exceptionally good. He appears in two other roles; Enoch, the bellboy and Cousin Monk, Rev. Nightline, Slipback Newcomb was notable for his excellent make-up and his pantomine work. The character was by Robert A. Kelley, a well-known playwright.

Miss Alice Mackey has been heard in this city before, where she is a favorite. She is known for her deep, rich contralto voice. She has just returned to stage after three years absence. Snowflake, by Muriel Ringold is a protege of Mr. Hogan's. She went with him to Australia where she was leased to an English Company for ten weeks to play Topsy in Uncle Tom's Cabin. She was the original Moana in the Smart Set Company, It is thought she has no superior as a dancer. She hopes to become a celebrated comedienne. Billy B. Dam, a first-class sport His success depended on his acting which he did very well. The character is by Will Wilkins.

Mr. J. Lenbrie Hill took the part of Noah Beasley, headwaiter, which requires considerable clever acting. Mr. Hill is versatile and meets the emergency. It is said that he is ready to assume any role. Mr. A D Byrd as Angelica Newcomb. the Negro mammy impersonation was a great hit. Mr. Byrd's acting is clean and neat. Hugo the porter by J. Harry Fiddler, the Indianapolis boy was well received He had opportunity to do some mimicry which was one of the features of the show. Dr. Fo-Jo by R. C. Baker was good especially in the mix up with Rufus Rastus.

The operetta by Annie Cook Pankey and Sarah Green Byrd was high class. No better voices have been heard in recent years. "My Old Kentucky Home" by Sarah Green Byrd was an excellent rendition. Never in the history of colored shows has the song and scene been so felicitous. The singing was not particularly great, but it was right. The audience was with the scene, the song and the singer. She was simply glorious.

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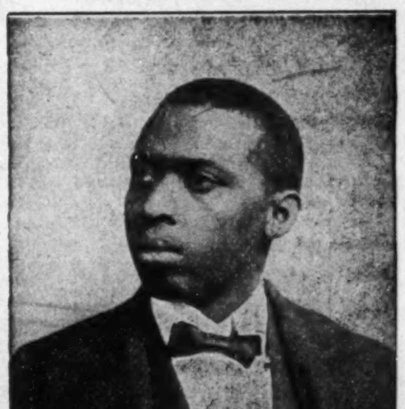

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The Colored American comes out this month filled from cover to cover with very good reading matter. This issue is profusely illustrated and contains articles on the most timely topics of the day. There is an explicit criticism on Thomas Fortune's first book of poems called "Dream of Life," that is well written.

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The Voice of the Negro came to this office in splendid array from covver to back this month. There are pages and pages of articles that read well and are fittingly placed and illustrated. Mr. Silas X. Floyd's "Waysides" appear and are as ever splendidly replete with humor and wit. Some very strong editorial lines appear in this number.

Sylvester Russell's Review for March is out and shows a decided improvement from all previous issues. There is a good article by the publisher on the "Colored Actors' Club" proposition. Their are some good short stories and poems of merit.

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We have received a new book entitled "Russian Life and Society," written by Nathan Appleton. There is a sketch of Abraham Lincoln that appears in the second chapter of this book which should be read by every Afro-American. The writer brings to light many important details concerning the emancipation ploclamation that are probably not to be found in many of our best histories or autobiographies. Their are personal recollections that are teeming over with interest to the reader. In fact, this chapter itself is worth the price of the book. The other chapters are very entertaining, dealing not only with life in Russia, but other countries in Europe. Many beautiful illustrations are found throughout the book. The Wood Company of 287 Atlantic avenue, Boston, Mass., are the publishers' agents.

IN THE ATHLETIC FIELD.
HAYWOOD

John L. Footslug.

The days of the high-class Negro pugilist, like those of the first-class Colored jockey, have gone a-glimmering. There was a time, and not very long ago, when good, dark-skinned fighters were a-plenty. Today only Joe Gans, of the first-division men, is left.

There were Peter Jackson, George Godfrey, Bob Armstrong, Frank Childs, "Denver" Ed. Martin, Hank Griffin, the dusky Californian; McVey and a few other as heavy-weights. Of the middle-weights Frank Craig, "the "Harlem Coffee Cooler," probably was the best; Joe Walcott, as tough a welter as ever shel a sweater; Bobby Dobbs, a good lightweight, and Geo. Dixon, undoubtedly the best simon-pure feather-weight that ever answered the call of time, and quite a horde of good, bad and indifferent fighters, in the various divisions. The best Negro fighters to-day outside of Gans are Sam Langford, Jack Johnson, Dave Holly, Jack Blackburn and "Rufe" Turner.

Of the heavy-weights Jackson was by long odds the best that ever put up his hands in this or any other country. It was Peter's known skill as a high-class fighter that caused John L. Sullivan to draw the color line and to remark, "White men, $10,000; Colored men, double that amount." When Sullivan drew the color line on Jackson he overlooked the fact that he had, some years before practically agreed to fight George Godfrey. The latter, while not as scientific as Jackson, was a good second-rate fighter. When Jackson went to the bad and Godfrey had seen his best days, Frank Childs bounded into fame by defeating Bob Armstrong. To see Frank and Bob fighting different opponents it was any kind of odds Armstrong could make Frank appear like a novice, but when put into a ring together, Frank with his awkward style of milling would easl ywhip Bob. This could never be accounted for, as Armstrong was very clever.

The best of the old Colored fighters, considering his weight and inches, was Joe Walcott. The "sawed-off black demon" was a fighter from his heels to the top of his oddly shaped head, and as good a fakir as ever entered a ring. Big, lanky fellows were pie for him, and when in fighting humor they could not trot them out too big, too tough or too fast for him. Joe got tangled up a shooting scrape several years ago and practically lost the use of one of his hands, since which he has not been much of a factor in the game.

There is no doubt that George Dixon's success as a fighter was the direct cause of the game being overrun with Colored fighters. "Little Chocolate," as he was known, worked for a photographer in Boston before he donned the mitts in public, but he was not long in the game before Tom O'Rourke took him under his managerial wing and by the most astute management made him the greatest success in the history of the prize ring. The little coffee-colored boy was unbeatable for years, and earned a world of money for his manager and for himself. He did not, however, take the best of care of himself, and when "Terrible Terry" McGovern came along, the grandest little fighter of the age was forced to acknowledge defeat. After he went down before Terry, he battled along as best he could and earned much money, but he had shot his pugilistic bolt, and to-day he is scratching out his living on his past reputation.

The only one of the old high-class Colored fighters left is Joe Gans, at present holder of the light and welter-weight championships. Joe undoubtedly is the best light-weight known in years. He has been in the game twelve years, during which he has lost but five decisions. Like Walcott, he has not always fought to win, but this he attributes to his late manager, Al Herford.

Of the later Colored scrappers, Sam Langford appears the best in the welter-weight division, and Joe Blackburn and Dave Holly in the light-weight class. Neither of them, however, will attain a championship, as the white fighters are drawing the line tauter than ever. Promoters of fighting clubs do not care to match whites against blacks.

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During the first year the old veterans crowded him around somewhat, but after that one of the cracker barrels was marked with his initials and duly recognized as his throne.

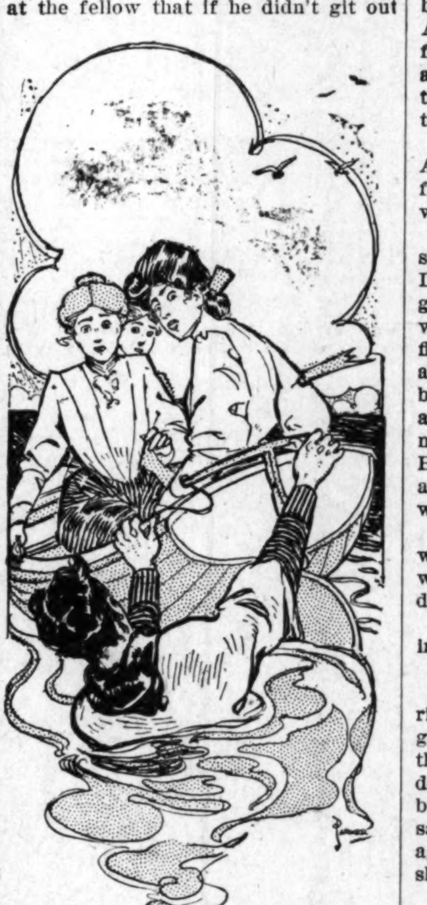
As for occupation, Abe was most anything. He did a day's work here and there, but the wife mainly supported the two of them by sewing for the neighbors. Abe was mild mannered and easy going, and he was not much of a talker.

But Abe Langford's wife knew him better than his fellow sitters. They had often remarked among themselves that he had no ambition. She knew better. Under that quiet and humble demeanor was hidden away an ambition that longed to soar and impatiently waited its opportunity. Almost every night when Abe reached home he said:

"Doggone it, I don't amount to shucks and never will. Why hain't I as big a man as Deacon White?"

"What's the deacon been doin'?"

"A horse thief tried to git into his barn last night, and the dog woke the deacon up, and he went out and yelled at the fellow that if he didn't git out mighty sudden he'd let go a hull bushel of buckshot at him. He's a hero, the deacon is. When he got through tellin' the story Skinner offered to trust him for ten pounds of sugar all to once."



HE HUNG ON TO THE STERN AND GOT THE BOW POINTED STRAIGHT.

"Everybody can't be a hero," answered the wife, with a sigh.

"What do you s'pose happened to Elijah Smallman two or three years ago?"

"I can't say. I don't remember of his telling that anything did."

"No, he never told a human being about it till tonight, and then he made us all promise never to breathe a word to a soul. Lordy, but the chills went up and down my back while he was tellin' it!"

"What was it?"

"He saw a murderer. His dog barked about midnight, and he got up and looked out of the winder and saw a murderer snoopin' around. The feller even came up and rattled on the kitchen door. The dog put his tail down and made a sneak and didn't come home for two days. Lijah said he got so weak in the knees that he could hardly get back to bed, and he covered up his head for more'n an hour afterwards."

"How did he know it was a murderer?"

"Because the feller had on a slouch hat pulled down over his eyes and was crouched over. That's the way they allus do. Yes, he was a regular murderer. A week later a tin peddler come along and told Lijah that a hull family had been murdered about fifty miles away the very next night. If the dog hadn't barked the Smallman family would have been wiped out. Do I ever see a murderer snoopin' around?"

"Land o' massy, but I hope not!"

"But I orter see one, same as other folks. If I ever do see one I won't stand and tremble and shake. No, sir, I won't. I'll just go right out to him and tell him to hump himself out of that or he'll have me in his hair, but I shan't never see one. There's no such good luck for me."

"But you hain't done so bad," observed the wife in soothing tones. "You fell in the river once, didn't you?"

"Yes."

"And you had a fight with a lightnin' rod man?"

"Yes."

"And a mad dog chased you up a ladder?"

"But what does all them things amount to agin Injuns and murderers? I want to be a hero, same as other folks. If I'd ask Skinner to trust me for ten pounds of sugar all to once he'd drop dead."

"Waal," said the wife as she rose up to prepare for bed, "you are doin' all you can, and nobody can't do any better. If you live long 'nuff mebby your chance will come."

It was on the road and only two weeks away. A millionaire had his summer home on the bank of the river running through the village. His eighteen-year-old daughter was fond of rowing, and it was an almost everyday sight to see her skimming along in her boat. There had been heavy midsummer rains, and the river had gradually risen until the water poured over the dam like a Niagara. There was a drop of twelve feet, with three or four waves at the bottom rising up and curling over in a menacing way. One day, at the highest stage of the water, three young ladies appeared on the pond in a boat. The rich man's daughter was taking company out for a row. Two hundred feet above the dam, as she attempted to turn and go back, one of the oars snapped, and in her sudden panic she lost the other, while the boat turned broadside to the stream. To go over the dam in that fashion meant death to all.

Abe Langford had been salvaging sawlogs and boards from the river with rope and hook and stood on the bank when the disaster to the boat occurred. There were others higher up and lower down who were startled by the screams of the girls, but not one of them grasped the situation. It was left for Abe. Off came his coat, vest and shoes, and in he plunged. A score of men called to him that he could never hope to tow the boat ashore, but that wasn't his plan. There was just a chance that if the girls kept quiet and the boat was guided over the dam bow first she wouldn't fill or be upset. Abe caught it when it was yet fifty feet from the plunge, and, whirling it about, he hung on to the stern and got the bow pointed straight. Then he said to the girls:

"We have got to go over the dam. All of you crouch down and hang on for your lives. If you make one move we shall all be drowned."

There was screaming and yelling and shouting all along the banks, but Abe Langford was not rattled. Two of the girls had fainted away, and the other was dumb with fright. The boat half filled, but floated through to safety, and, guiding and swimming, Abe brought her to the bank. He had done a brave deed, and his fellow townsmen were unstinted in their praise. He took it all in his humble way, and as soon as he could escape them he went shivering home.

"Good lands, Abe Langford, but what's the matter?" exclaimed the wife on beholding his saturated condition.

"Just saved three gals from drowndin'," he replied.

"Then you are a hero at last?"

"Durn the luck, no! In all the stories I've ever read the hero marries the gal whose life he saves. There was three of 'em, and what am I goin' to do about it? Besides, if there wasn't but one I'd be married to you just the same, wouldn't I? I tell you luck is agin me, and I shall never have a fair show."

"Waal, git off your wet clothes and mebbe you'll be chased by a mad bull tomorrer," said the motherly wife as she began drying his wet hair with a towel.

The ease with which a fire may be started and the apparently inexplicable causes which may produce one are both emphasized by a happening in an uptown house last week. The mistress of the house was seated in the extension parlor in the afternoon alone and perfectly quiet, when without warning a hanging bookshelf broke from its fastenings and slipped to the floor. On its way it struck a small table standing beneath it and knocked over a box of matches, igniting two or three of them. These flew off, one touching the light gauze scarf which had hung from the table, which fell blazing against the lace curtain near by. The frightened screams of the mistress brought a servant, and it took energetic measures on the part of the two women to extinguish the rapidly spreading fire. Had the room been untenanted, as it had been all the morning and would have been again fifteen minutes later, it would have been a case of fire department succor to have saved the house.—New York Post.

Out of the Depths

[Original.]

A boy twelve years of age is being carried from a mine. On his face is that blight we see on a plant that has grown in the dark. He is thin and pale and languid, but out of two large black eyes looks a soul which, though nourished in the depths of the earth, burns with unusual luster.

The boy's health has at last given way suddenly under a prolonged strain. He is taken to his father's cabin and a doctor summoned. The physician examines the invalid and looks grave. He sees evidence of curvature of the spine. The boy will be a hunchback. Hard, isn't it, that this child's share of labor should have ruined his life?

Weights are attached to the frail extremities in the hope of pulling the frame out to its normal length. This the boy is obliged to endure a number of hours during each day. For months the doctor comes and goes at intervals, but there is no change; the suffering from the weights has all been endured for nothing.

One day the doctor approaches the little bed, and on the wall against which it stands he sees a pencil sketch of himself. He recognizes it as his own likeness, not only by the likeness, but by a certain posture of the body that is natural to him. He inquires who made the drawing, and his little patient confesses that he is the artist. Then the child brings forth other drawings concealed under his pillow. There are people in all variety of attitudes, sketched as they have passed through the room on various errands.

On his next visit the doctor brings a man with him. The stranger looks at the drawings and goes away. A few days later the postman brings a letter stating that the boy is to be admitted free to the art school. Meanwhile his health has been so far improved that he is able to take advantage of the opportunity.

The gift Providence has bestowed upon him grows under the culture he receives. And now a new element comes into his life. A girl about his own age comes to the school. She sees his creations with pencil and brush, she looks at his shriveled form, his wan cheek and into his dark eyes, from which comes an expression of suffering mingled with the light of genius. In her own eyes are sympathy and admiration.

Side by side they study—she his superior as a thing of beauty, he far above her in his conceptions and their execution. A delightful companionship springs up between them. Then, the first years of study having been completed, it is essential to proceed in an atmosphere where art is pre-eminent. They meet again in Paris. There they work on, making trips into the country to sketch from nature and seize upon unique types. On one of these trips they discover that this sympathy, friendship, companionship, is more than these. It is love.

Then comes the first shock. The natural sequence of love is marriage, and what has a hunchback to do with wedlock?

One morning it is announced that a picture painted by the young man has been admitted to the salon. This means that he has arrested the attention of the critics. His work is taken from among the thousands that grow dim in artists' studios and hung where picture lovers will see it. He is successful in art; he has all he can desire in love. But the days spent down away from the sunlight have unfitted him for marriage. Thus he considers it, and his resolution is immovable. Not so the girl. With woman's devotion, she is ready to spend her life in comforting him.

Then comes a surgeon who tells him that there is one chance in a hundred that his bent figure may be straightened. He submits to a difficult and dangerous operation. A plaster cast is put about him, and he endures the agony of remaining motionless. The nerves cry out against this enforced immobility, but he grinds his teeth together and bears it. Could he be sure the deformity would be cured and he would stand before the girl he loves as nature intended, he would welcome the suffering that would produce such a result, but there is only a chance.

TESTIMONIAL.

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TESTIMONIALS.

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Gilmer, Texas, Jan. 15, 906.

Dear Madame—I take great pleasure to write you to le you know of your work. My daughter has returned home, and I can't praise you too much for your kindness. Now just as soon as I can I am going to send you some money. I am in a feeble state right now, also have no work to do, but will pay you as soon as I can. Nothing more. Yours, Mrs. M. J.

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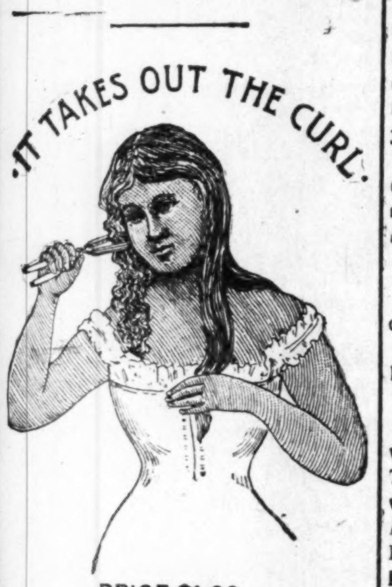
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RACE GLEANINGS

Houston, Texas has a colored bakery that is doing a good business.

Prof. Charles Lee, of Kansas City, Kans has invented a cushion tire for automobiles

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The Edwards Real Estate Company is a recent enterprise at Boston, The legal business is conducted Lucius S. Hicks of the Boston University Law School.

A colored skating rink at Houston, Texas has a maple wood floor recently put in, costing $600 The lumber was shipped from Chicago, and cost $75 per thousand.

Cornelius J. Jones, a prominent business circles in Muskogee, has bought the town site of Chase. eight miles west of Muskogee, for $4,000. It is his intention to make it an exclusive Negro town and an educational and industrial centre.

The executive committee of the National Negro Business League has set the date of the League's next meeting in Atlanta to be August 29, 30 and 31 The officers and the executive committee will meet in Atlanta on August 28 to devote the day to the interests of the League.

Among his charitable gifts, which amounted to $50,000, Thomas J. Emery gave to the Cincinnati Fresh Air Fund $4,000, to the colored orphans of Vondale and to the archbishop of Ohio, $5 000 in aid of any Catholic institution for the care of the aged and children, provided none are excluded on account of creed or color

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The House Committee on claim at Washington, D. C., decided to report favorably on a claim of the family of Samuel Lee for $10,000, Lee was elected to the Forty-sixth Congress from North Carolina, but was prevented from being sworn in by filibustering. He is now dead, and his heirs will be paid the two years' salary if the bill passes.

FOSTORIA
OHIO.

Misses Janie and Annie Burke and Mrs S Alexander are ill.—The stork has presented Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson a boy.—The Ladies South End Sewing Circle gave a bazaar on the 22nd. A program was rendered and refreshments were served —Mrs. Green Burk has returned from Forest, O —Sam Bunch has returned to the city —Mrs. E L Marshall, 341 Summit street is The Freeman representative.

HOUSTON
TEXAS.

Richard Butler has the contract to build the five room cottage of R. L Scott, the letter carrier —Mr. Sutton won first prize at Leon Jones' rink Saturday night of last week and Mr. Pitkin won the second. Thhre were eight contestants.—Mrs. Jessie Harris and Miss Foley of Victoria are the guests of Mrs. J. Reiss.—Charles Hudson, the tenor soloist has gone to Dallas —Watts Chapel raised $1 46 at a rally and have already commenced to build their new church.—Edward Johnson and L J. Ross are ill —Robert Peachey and his orceestra are doing well in Northern Texas. Prof. W. Delston, the violinist and the tenor of Galveston have joined them.—The letter carriers Ba Ball Team are making preparations for the coming season.—The recital Friday night of last week was appreciated by a large attendance.

MOBERLY
MISSOURI.

The debate between W. B. C., of Macon and D. I L of Moberly was a live one. Honors were won by Moberly. Both sides showed interest. Mcsee Grimes died Tuesday. was a K. of P. was buried at Rockport Thursday. Six members of his order went with remains. H. Timney, J. Alexandria, G. Timney, R. Gays, J. H. Burris, Charles Garritt and Rev. S. D. Lovell.

WILLIAMSPORT
PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. S. P. West, of Scranton delivered a lecture at the Bethel A M. E. church recently.—Mrs. William Brown is ill. The recent arrivals at the Chautauqua are H. Augusta, W F. Potts, Frank Haywood, S. Williams, H. Henson, J. McDonnell, W. Payne, James Moore, and W, Harris, of Philadelphia, and B Y. Roberts, and S. J. M Haley of Williamsport.—William Payne has gone to Richmond, Va., for a few weeks.—Miss Harriet Allen has gone to Reading to visit for two months.—The Ebenezer Baptist Choir rendered some excellent music at the Bethel A. M. E. church last Sunday. The Excelsior Club of the Shiloh Baptist church will give a social at the residence of Mrs. Puller Thursday evening.—Miss Viola Terrisle of Carlisle, who has been very ill, is much improved —Miss Polly Anderson and Mr. David Bear were married Monday evening —Mrs. Dilly Smith gave a sleighing party Saturday evening —Miss Estelle and May Stouther will give a party in honor of Miss May Randolph of Chicago, Ill —Mrs. W. S. Lowy has returned from a pleasant visit to her neice at Pittsburg —The Young Men's Categorical Club gave a banquet. John W. Fairfax, Jr., was toastmaster and the following toasts were given: "The Club," Charles O'Brien, "What the Future Holds." Edward Zelle; "Men's Lives Worthy of Emulation," Miss Blanche Tillman; "The Possibilities of the Race," Calvin W. Anderson; "Our Wives and Sweethearts," Frank B. Brenington; response, Mrs Isabelle Fairfax, "Club Alphabet," B. E Harris. Mrs. Fairfax presented to the president in behalf of the ladies a beautiful gold mounted ebony gavel with the inscription: "Young Men's Categorical Club." Charles O'Brien is president and the committee on arrangements was F. B. Brenington, Jno. W. Fairfax and C. W. Anderson.

Dangers In Circulating Libraries.

A foreign medical journal has been publishing facts about the dissemination of disease through books from public libraries. It is, of course, impossible for librarians to ascertain where books have been or to know the conditions of families into which they go. A large number of books were examined and were found to contain the bacilli of pneumonia, diphtheria and many other sorts, some of which were harmless. Even new books fresh from the publisher's hands were found to contain germs. There are very many persons who practice wetting the fingers with the lips or tongue when turning the pages of books. This is an exceedingly dangerous thing to do, not only to the person who does it, but to all others who may use the book afterward, especially if the person so doing has any form of disease in the system. Invalids of all kinds are likely to be great readers, and the consumptive or those suffering with cancer may unwittingly deposit on the pages of the volumes they peruse the deadly germs of their own malady.

The Change That Was Wrought.

The little man was explaining to his audience the benefits of physical culture. "Three years ago," he said, "I was a miserable wreck. Now, what do you suppose brought about this great change in me?" "What change?" said a voice from the audience. There was a succession of loud smiles, and some persons thought to see him collapse. But the little man was not to be put out. "Will the gentleman who asked 'What change?' kindly step up here?" he asked suavely. "I shall then be better able to explain. That's right!" Then, grabbing the witty gentleman by the neck: "When I first took up physical culture I could not even lift a little man. Now (suiting action to word) I can throw one about like a bundle of rags." And finally he flung the interrupter half a dozen yards along the floor. "I trust, gentlemen, that you will see the force of my argument, and that I have not hurt this gentleman's feelings by my explanation." There were no more interruptions.

Word Oddities.

No man who is seeking political honors in these days is a "candidate," according to the true etymological significance of the word. Those who stood for office in ancient Rome were known as "candidati" because it was customary for them to wear a white toga ("candidus," white) as soon as their canvass had begun. The Latin for "canvassing," too, was either "ambitus" or "ambitio," according to its association with or freedom from bribery and corrupt practices. Both meant "going round." "Ambitio" was the good kind as opposed to "ambitus," which always implied dishonesty and unfairness.

"Shopping" was certainly a slang word until past the first quarter of the nineteenth century. Bee's Dictionary of Sports and Slang, published in 1825, defines the word as follows: "Shopping—Among women going about from shop to shop, buying little articles perhaps, perhaps not, but always pulling about great quantities of goods."

JOE'S MISSIONARY

By M. J. Phillips

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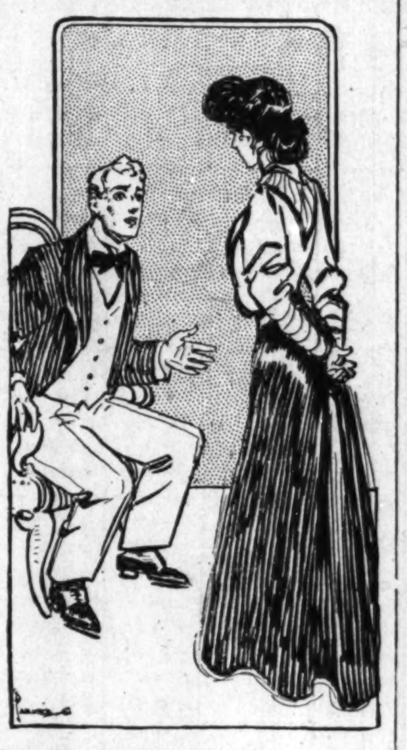
Little Mary Anderson was undoubtedly pretty. She was brown and lithe. Her crinkly hair was a jumbled poem. Her big brown eyes were alight with shifting fires, merriment and mischief predominating. Joe Temple thought, once or twice, that he had surprised a tenderer light in their depths, but Mary's pert little tongue and ringing laugh promptly drove such ideas helter skelter.

Joe was a light haired viking of a fellow, with muscles like a wrestler, shoulders almost the width of the door and the best temper in the world. He was teamster at the cereal food factory where Mary worked. The little brown maid attracted him. Her duty was to pack the paper cartons in cases for shipment and nail on the light covers of the boxes. Almost every load somehow lacked one box and that the one Mary was nailing, so it was natural Joe should wait for it by Mary's bench and talk while he waited.


"OH, BUT, MARY, I HAVEN'T TOUCHED A DROP IN SIX MONTHS."

The other girls were not slow to notice, and there were many sly little darts aimed at Joe in his absence. Mary soon learned that his besetting sin was drink. The conviviality of the cup that cheers had no fascinations for him. He abstained totally for months, only to fall grievously when the innate and agonizing thirst for liquor overcame him. Then he drank hard and long, suffering untold remorse after his appetite had been satiated.

When bashful Joe, his acquaintance with Mary a week old, asked if he might call on the girl in her home, the clear brown eyes met his gaze frankly.

"You may, Mr. Temple," she replied, "but there is one condition. If I smell liquor on your breath, it's all off." Poor Joe blushed. "And don't use cloves to cover it up!" she added emphatically. "That's so cheap a trick in a man. Besides, I'd know it just as quick."

Every Wednesday and Sunday evening thereafter found Joe at Mary's home, for he was soon very much in love. The family liked the big fellow and made more of him than the friendly but outwardly indifferent Mary. He talked politics with her father, helped her mother wind endless skeins of yarn and eased her small brother over rough places in the "three r's."

Fortnightly Joe and his sweetheart attended the dances of the Pastime Pleasure club at Hibernia hall, the teamster scrupulously sober and fairly exuding pride and happiness, while Mary's demureness was belied by the sparkle of her eyes.

Twice the old insidious longing for liquor fought with Joe's love, but was worsted. For days during these periods he trembled with the manfully suppressed longing when he passed a saloon. In the past he had fallen an easy victim; it was different now.

For a dazzling plan was taking form in Joe's honest brain. He had the home where he lived with his aged parents repainted and papered; during the long summer evenings he shingled the kitchen and built a back porch, for he was handy with tools, and several articles of furniture had been added to the living room out of his wages or savings.

Winter had come before he finally mustered up courage to ask the question which such preparations forefended. And the answer he received was not what he had hoped.

"Oh, I daren't, Joe; I daren't!" little Mary had said, the merry eyes sober for once. "I like you, but"—her voice sank to a whisper—"suppose you got drinking again! I couldn't stand that, Joe."

"Oh, but Mary, I haven't touched a drop in six months!" he responded earnestly. "And please God, if you'll marry me I'll never take another drink."

But she still shook her head. "That isn't long enough, Joe; wait six months more."

And to all his pleading this was her answer until Joe, in a burst of disappointment and wounded pride, declared the time too long to wait for any one; there were others; now—

Mary was a girl of spirit. She tossed her brown head and commended the sulky Joseph to those "others." He could go to them; she didn't want him, she was sure.

It was a sore hearted and very angry Joe who found himself alone soon after beneath the frosty winter stars, the snow creaking in discords beneath his feet.

"It's no use," he said to himself bitterly. "No one cares whether I'm on the water wagon or not. That girl's just been baiting me on; she doesn't care for me"—and he knew the thought was untrue while he formulated it.

"I know what I'll do. I'll go down to Joe Byers' and get sloughed. No use trying to do the right thing; nothing in it. M'm, but a drink will taste good!" It occurred to him that a drink would never taste as it did before he met Mary, though.

Joe's ugly reflections kept his eyes off his path, and a jolt to his shoulder brought him up standing. He had walked under an iron stairway which ascended to the second story of a quaint little brick store, an obstruction which the stream of progress had not washed away.

An arc light near by shone brightly on the seamed and grizzled wall. Absentmindedly rubbing his shoulder, he was stepping back from beneath the stairway when his eyes sensed something unusual on the wall, and he stooped to examine it.

There, sheltered by the steps above from the snow and the worst of the frost, a little clump of grass, a bare four spears, clung undauntedly. The cold had withered the tips, but the heart of the plant was vigorous. No earth was visible; it flourished, apparently, on bare brick and mortar. Temple peered at the grass, which stood out in minutest detail beneath the strong electric light, until a suspicious policeman gruffly ordered him to move on.

When Joe had walked half a dozen blocks, pondering the phenomenon, he began to find a lesson in it for himself. "Why," his thoughts ran, "that little bunch of grass has got more grit than I have! It's shy a thinker to help it out even. The Lord put that seed on earth to grow. He didn't say, 'Find a nice rich soil somewhere, grow if you feel like it and quit when you get discouraged.' No, sir. He just commanded it to be what it's made to be, and, by thunder, that seed didn't ask any questions!

"And here I am," he went on in wholesome self scorn, "a great big hulking guy with brains—leastways I'm supposed to have 'em—laying down like a hound pup when things don't go to suit me. Mary, little sweetheart, that bunch o' grass was a missionary set to growing out of a brick wall just to show me what a chump I am. Well, I've found out in time. No booze for me! And if you say six years instead of six months I'll wait for you and be proud to do it." With a light heart he turned homeward.

Joe met a diminutive messenger boy at his own front gate. "Yer name Temple?" queried the youngster. "This is fer you then."

By the light of a single match he read the brief message:

> Can't you come over, Joe? Maybe we can compromise. MARY.

"Hey, you!" shouted the boy in amazement as Joe, after rapturously pressing the note to his lips, rushed down the street. "Any answer?"

"Yes, but I'll deliver it myself," came back to him.

Cautiously the youth tested with strong teeth the dollar Temple had given him; then a grin overspread his wizened face, and he reached up into the frosty atmosphere as if to pull on a rope. "Weddin' bells!" he commented laconically.

The Barometer.

That the barometer should be so important a factor in indicating meteorological conditions is to many an unsolvable mystery. There should, however, be no difficulty in understanding that the simple principle underlying the construction is that the free and unfettered air balances a column of mercury varying in height, according to the circumstances of the moment, whose average elevation at the level of the sea is thirty inches. It is known, because directly ascertainable, that thirty cubic inches of mercury weigh close upon fifteen pounds avoirdupois, and therefore, as commonly expressed, the pressure of the atmosphere is, under normal conditions, fifteen pounds on every square inch—equivalent to nearly a ton on a square foot, more than eight and a half tons on a square yard and of 100 tons on a square of ten and a quarter feet side. Scientific calculation also places the aggregate weight of the atmospheric envelope surrounding the world at about 5,000,000,000,000 of tons, and this may be represented as the weight of a solid leaden ball having a diameter of sixty miles. Such figures are really beyond human comprehension.

Finger Nails.

In the healthy adult the average growth of the finger nails is one thirty-second part of an inch per week. They grow faster in health than in sickness, in summer than in winter, on the right hand than on the left; fastest on the middle finger and slowest on the thumb and little finger. The finger nails are, therefore, all renewed in from 120 to 140 days. The toenails are four times longer in growing than the finger nails.

Some years ago many learned Asiatics let their finger nails grow to such an extent that it was said they often exceeded the length of the fingers, under which they sometimes bent in the strangest curves and folds. Travelers gave the length as three inches and even more. The best authorities give the extreme length to which the finger nails grow as just upon two inches, when they become corrugated and break off.

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Dr. and Mrs S. A. Furniss entertained at six o'clock dinner Tuesday in honor of Bishop A. Grant.

The Companion Club invite their many friends to their Mid-winter Picnic. Thursday, April 5. at the North Senate Hall.

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Y. M. C. A. Notes.

W. J. Campbell of Central City, Ky., will make an address at the rooms Sunday, subject, "The Negro and Labor."

The cantata "The Feast of Belshazzar" will be given at Realty Hall, April 11. It will be a grand affair.

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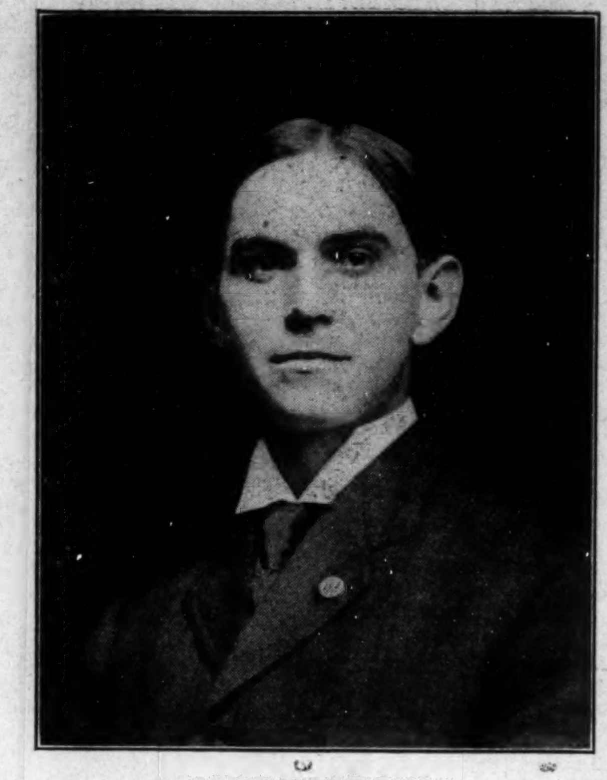

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SUMNER LEAGUE MINSTREL

LOCAL TALENT WELL RECEIVED LAST MONDAY NIGHT.

One of the best entertainments given by local talent in this city for years was that of the Sumner League Minstrel and Promenade at Tomlinson Hall last Monday night. A large audience greeted them and was very appreciative. Those prominent in the first part were: Dr, J H. Ward, interlocutor, J. N. Shelton, Charles Mosby, William Wilson and Irving Hardy, bones; W. H. Jackson, N. P. Gardner, William Walden and Ed. Finley, tambourines. In the olio Frank Fowler Brown, Madam Lucretia Knox, George Temple and Master Paul Bass.

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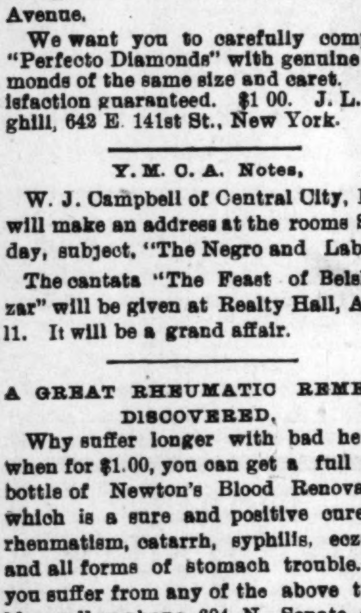

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COLUMBIA TENN.

"David, the Shepherd Boy" was given at St. Paul, A. M. E. church last week for the benefit of Bishop Grant's camp.—Work will begin at once on the Presbyterian church. There was a big rally at the St. Paul church last Sunday.—The K. of P. sermon was preached March 19 by Dr. T. W. Stephens at St, Paul.—Dr. J. Q. Johnson, P. E was in the city last week.—Mrs. Robert Goodloe is visiting at Nashville.—The Y. M. C. A. will give a debate at an early date subject, Resolved, That the tongue is more debasing then the temper.—"Forty Years of Freedom" was given at St. Paul church Monday night of last week. A union meeting was held at the K. of P. and Immaculate Halls Friday of last week and the K. of P, gave an entertainment at Gholston's Hall Monday dight The big spectacular comedy, "A Face at the Window" was given by the local Knights last week.

DALLAS TEXAS.

Sam Arthur spent several days in the city with friends.—Many Shermanites attended the Sam Smith trial.—The Dunbar Club entertained with a literary program at Odd Fellows Hall, Friday of last week. Many touching orations were made during the evening on the life of the late poet. After the program the Black & Tan orchestra furnished music for the dance. A elegant banquet supper was served and toasts were given by guests from Terrell, Ft. Worth, Waco, San Antonio and Houston. Tte hall was beautifully decorated.—Mrs. P. Lowery was called to the bedside of her daughter, Miss M. E. Gardon, who is ill. Miss Gardon will soon graduate from the Mercer College Hospital as a scientific nurse. The waiters of the Oriental Hotel are now planning something new in the way of enterprise for their many friends over the State.—The Elite Dramatic Club presented "The Last Loaf" under the direction of Mrs. M. J. Ray with the following participants: W. A. Boswell A Johnson, L. McMahon, J. Becker, H. Dickson, Mrs A. G. Andrews, Miss B. Frye, and Miss E. M. Weehms. All were well received and curtain calls were numerous.

KNOXVILLE TENNESSEE

The Minstrel given by some of the talented young men of the city at Odd Fellows Hall March 20, was quite a success. The following good numbers were given: Song, by William Wallace, "Baby Don't;" Joke, Will Ramsey; Song, William Steward, the silver tenor, "My Silver Babe;" Song, Mr. Chism, "Bill Bailey Has Come Back Home;" Song Mr. Hemphill, "You Will Do Little Girl." One of the biggest hits of the evening was the solo by Mr. Prosser, "Silver Moon, Come Out and Shine." He was also the comedian. A cornet solo by Mr. McDade was highly appreciated. A county court scene was given and the program was concluded with a quartet selection by Messrs. Chism, Ramsey, Hemphill and Prosser. A packed house was present The Whist Club of West Knoxville gave their first entertainment Friday night of last week, at the residence of Mrs. Smith. Those present were Misses Mamie Williams, Ruth Paxter, Carrie Coles, Anna Manson, Mabel Smith, Ida and Dolly Warren, Willie Poter, Mrs. Blanche Gardiay, George Henderson, James Prosser, Jacob Dodson, F. Causler, Ed. Smith, Frosty Smith, Anderson Smith, Will and Alexander Laine, A, S. Smith, and Walter Farnsy. Games were played and a splendid supper was served.—Dr. E. S. Watkins has gone to Chicago to take a postgraduate course in medicine.

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